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This Kids Count data book presents a statistical portrait of the well being of and current conditions faced by the children of Kansas, based on key indicators. Eighteen indicators are detailed in six subject areas: (1) economic well-being; (2) physical health and safety; (3) educational achievement; (4) early childhood care and education; (5) emotional well-being; and (6) social behavior and social control. Data are presented in a table format by individual indicator and by county, and include comparative information concerning current year and past years and percent change over time. A demographic description of each county and a short summary highlighting individual county findings are provided. The findings indicate both improved and worsened conditions. Areas of improvement included: (1) Head Start participation of children 3-4 living below the poverty level; (2) births to mothers with less than a high school education; (3) births that received prenatal care; (4) high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education/training; and (5) childhood deaths. Indicators with worsened findings include: (1) births to single teens; (2) out-of-home placements; (3) teen violent deaths; (4) juvenile arrests; (5) low birth weight babies; (6) infant mortality; and (7) high school graduation. The report's appendices explain selection of indicators and include data notes and sources. (SD)

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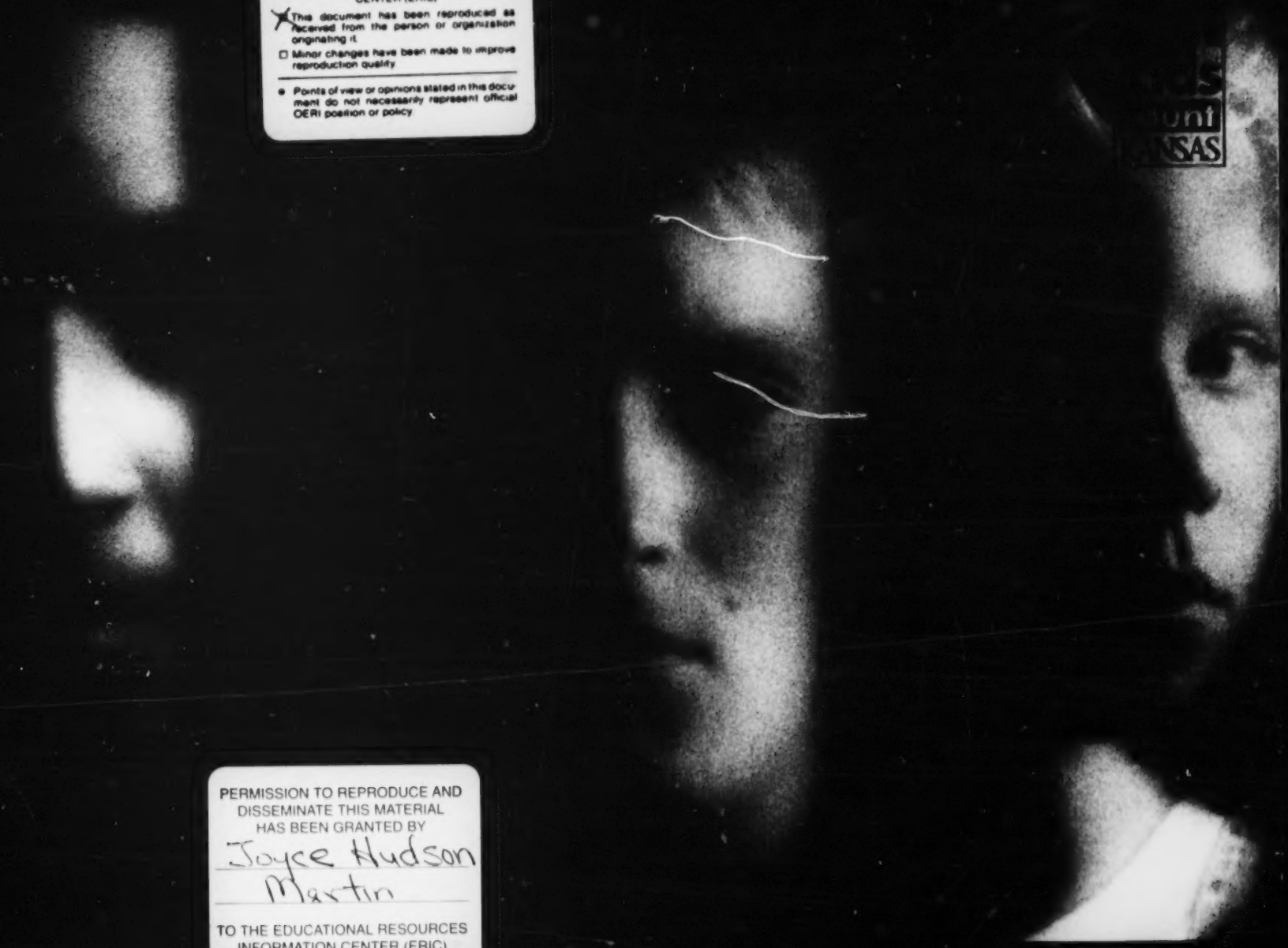

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FOREWORD

A state's greatest future resource should also be its most precious commodity...THE CHILDREN. Just as seeds are planted and need the proper balance of nutrients, care and nurturing, so our children cannot prosper and achieve their greatest potential without the support, caring and acceptance necessary for solid growth.

The *1995 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* continues a three-year tradition of showing the most current conditions that Kansas children are facing as they grow up in today's world. Although the 18 featured indicators cannot measure every influence to which our children will be exposed, they do show a composite of what is happening in our state. The indicators were selected to show conditions our children face from birth through age 19. The base years for each of the indicators allow for a smoother measure of trends developing in comparing the current year to the recent past. Indicators new to the *Kansas Kids Count Data Book* this year include the percent of children approved for free school meals and the rate of availability of licensed child care.

The *1995 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* gives each county a look at conditions facing their children; because just like children, communities are different and unique. Many Kansas communities have committed to making positive changes in conditions facing their children and by following the indicator measurements can see where changes may be warranted and where they are making inroads. In other counties, efforts may need to be started to address areas of concern.

KANSAS ACTION FOR CHILDREN, one of the three partners responsible for the *Kansas Kids Count* project, is committed to releasing the book annually over a number of years so that we may continue measuring conditions facing Kansas children. The *Kansas Kids Count* project is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, who has been producing an annual state-by-state data book for the past five years and is committed to continue a national look at conditions facing children.

As a state, Kansas has made positive changes in a few indicators. As a whole, work still needs to be done to show that Kansas cares about its children. As in planting seeds, commitment and effort must be sustained to ensure that our most precious commodity becomes our greatest resource.

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1995 KANSAS INDICATORS

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OVERVIEW OF INDICATORS AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Eighteen indicators were selected for the *1995 Kansas Kids Count Data Book*. These indicators were grouped into six areas: Economic Well-Being; Physical Health and Safety; Educational Achievement; Early Childhood Care and Education; Emotional Well-Being; and Social Behavior and Social Control.

Within these six areas are two new indicators: Child Care Availability and the Percent of Children Approved For Free School Meals. The Unemployment Rate has been added to the demographic data for each of the counties.

Three indicators listed in the *1994 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* have been omitted. Because the data for the percent of children in poverty comes from the 1990 United States Census and will not be updated until the year 2000, this indicator was omitted. Figures for the percent of children in grades 5-12 who regularly use alcohol and the percent of children in grades 5-12 who have used other drugs were not available in time for this year's publication because of changes in administering the survey and therefore, had to be omitted from this year's book. However, it is anticipated they will be available for the 1996 data book and will be included.

This year, only base numbers are shown for the reported and confirmed child abuse and neglect indicators. We regret that the 1993 data were not usable because child abuse and neglect is such an important indicator of child well-being. Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is in the process of changing the reporting procedures and anticipates more reliable data in the future.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Current year data for the *1995 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* show improvement in five areas: Percent of Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level, an 18 percent improvement; Percent of Births to Mothers with Less than a High School Education, a 6 percent improvement; Percent of Births Receiving Prenatal Care, a 2 percent improvement; Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training, a 6 percent improvement; and Childhood Death Rate, a 4 percent improvement.

This has been the third year in a row that *Kansas Kids Count Data* has shown progress in the rates of Childhood Death and High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training.

INDICATORS GETTING WORSE

Conditions have worsened for 9 indicators. The indicator which continues to be of greatest concern is the percent of Births to Single Teens which climbed to 10.9 percent of all births in Kansas, a 42 percent increase over the base years and a 27 percent increase over the previous year. Emotional Well-Being indicators report a worsening over time which include an Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 children, which increased 13 percent; and Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 children which increased 9 percent. Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 children, increased 10 percent.

Other indicators which offer a discouraging picture are the Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies, which increased by 6 percent; Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 infants, which increased by 2 percent; and the Percent of Students Graduating from High School, a decline of 4 percent.

Two indicators, Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance, with a 3 percent increase, and Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals, with a 12 percent increase, are being used as proxies for measuring childhood poverty. Therefore, increases in these indicators are considered negative. However, these same increases can also be viewed as positive in that more low-income children are receiving services they need.

Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2 showed no percent change. Many state and local efforts have been made to immunize children the last couple of years. Since the immunization rates are based on retrospective surveys, more time needs to pass to be able to see benefits.

CONCLUSION

Commitment and sustained effort must continue to be made by the people in Kansas who care about our children's future. Many trends have developed over the years and improvements are slow in coming.

Frustrating as it is, all indicators can't be tackled at once. However, as positive results are achieved in some areas then the interrelationships among indicators may become more apparent. The *Kansas Kids Count* indicators are created to help communities determine their priorities in addressing the needs of the children of Kansas.

BIRTHS TO SINGLE TEENS

When "kids have kids" it can set in motion a series of negative outcomes for the teen mother and her child, which become more difficult to overcome at each stage. The teen mother is less likely to complete her education which, in turn, increases her risk of long-term welfare dependency or employment at jobs with marginal pay and benefits. The child can be exposed to greater risk of pre- and perinatal outcomes like premature birth, low birth weight, complications at birth or even infant mortality. These birth outcomes may lead to later developmental delays and behavioral problems for the child.

The percent of births to single teens continues to rise in Kansas at a rate considerably higher than the national rate. In 1993, 10.9 percent of all births in Kansas were to single teens, an increase of 27 percent from the previous year. No community in the state can be considered immune from this problem. The rate in Wyandotte County continues to increase and now nearly one in five births in the county is to a single teen. However, the highest rate in the state is found in Lyon County where more than one in five births is to a single teen.

	BASE YEARS - 1988-92			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	14	7.2	8	16	8.9	7	25
ANDERSON	5	5.3	6	4	4.4	2	-17
ATCHISON	22	9.5	10	27	12.4	10	31
BARBER	4	4.8	4	6	10.0	8	107
BARTON	30	6.8	7	21	5.6	4	-17
BOURBON	20	9.4	10	19	10.2	8	9
BROWN	12	7.7	8	12	8.7	6	13
BUTLER	44	6.2	7	57	8.2	6	32
CHASE	2	4.3	4	4	13.3	10	210
CHAUTAUQUA	3	7.4	8	4	11.8	9	59
CHEROKEE	38	13.4	10	39	13.6	10	2
CHEYENNE	1	2.9	2	1	5.6	3	92
CLARK	1	2.3	1	0	.0	1	-100
CLAY	5	4.8	4	10	10.1	8	113
CLOUD	6	5.2	6	7	5.2	3	-1
COFFEY	8	8.0	9	7	6.9	5	-14
COMANCHE	1	2.7	1	0	.0	1	-100
COWLEY	53	10.3	10	47	9.1	7	-12
CRAWFORD	35	8.0	9	47	10.5	9	31
DECATUR	1	1.4	1	2	5.7	4	319
DICKINSON	11	4.3	3	16	7.5	5	76
DONIPHAN	8	8.5	9	6	5.8	4	-32
DOUGLAS	58	5.4	6	94	8.7	6	61
EDWARDS	3	7.2	8	4	8.9	7	23
ELK	1	4.1	3	3	11.1	9	170
ELLIS	12	3.8	3	25	7.6	6	98
ELLSWORTH	4	6.1	7	4	7.3	5	20
FINNEY	76	9.6	10	94	12.1	9	26
FORD	51	9.2	9	57	10.1	8	10
FRANKLIN	26	7.6	8	33	10.9	9	44
GEARY	66	5.7	6	77	6.7	4	18
GOVE	1	2.4	1	2	5.6	3	130
GRAHAM	1	2.6	1	1	4.3	2	69

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 AVERAGE NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	10	8.1	9	14	10.4	9	29
GRAY	3	3.8	3	3	4.1	2	5
GREELEY	1	5.3	6	0	.0	1	-100
GREENWOOD	7	9.0	9	9	11.0	9	22
HAMILTON	2	6.0	6	1	2.9	1	-51
HARPER	4	5.1	5	2	3.4	2	-32
HARVEY	19	4.7	4	35	9.1	7	93
HASKELL	4	4.9	5	7	8.3	6	69
HODGEMAN	2	5.0	5	1	10.0	8	99
JACKSON	10	6.5	7	7	4.2	2	-34
JEFFERSON	9	4.6	4	9	4.7	3	1
JEWELL	1	3.5	2	1	3.1	1	-10
JOHNSON	169	3.0	2	211	3.6	2	18
KEARNY	6	8.4	9	3	4.1	2	-51
KINGMAN	6	5.6	6	11	9.5	8	68
KIOWA	2	3.4	2	2	4.3	2	29
LABETTE	37	11.2	10	29	10.7	9	-4
LANE	1	2.1	1	2	8.3	6	294
LEAVENWORTH	66	7.7	8	76	9.0	7	17
LINCOLN	1	4.0	3	2	7.1	5	81
LINN	7	6.8	7	8	11.4	9	67
LOGAN	2	4.8	4	3	8.8	7	83
LYON	33	6.3	7	58	23.4	10	272
MARION	5	3.6	2	10	6.9	5	93
MARSHALL	5	3.4	2	9	8.3	6	144
MCPHERSON	14	3.9	3	24	7.0	5	81
MEADE	2	2.9	2	6	9.8	8	240
MIAMI	17	5.0	5	24	7.4	5	47
MITCHELL	3	3.7	2	3	5.0	3	34
MONTGOMERY	60	11.8	10	58	12.1	10	3
MORRIS	4	5.1	5	4	5.3	3	5
MORTON	2	5.0	5	2	4.1	2	-19
NEMAHA	2	1.5	1	3	2.2	1	45
NEOSHO	18	7.9	8	19	9.0	7	14
NESS	2	4.0	3	4	9.8	8	146
NORTON	3	5.0	5	4	6.2	4	23
OSAGE	14	7.1	7	13	7.2	5	2
OSBORNE	2	3.9	3	2	4.4	3	13

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 AVERAGE NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER TEEN BIRTHS	% TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	3	5.2	6	4	7.1	5	37
PAWNEE	5	6.4	7	7	8.9	7	39
PHILLIPS	3	4.2	3	8	9.6	8	131
POTTAWATOMIE	12	5.1	6	11	5.4	3	6
PRATT	4	3.7	2	7	6.7	4	81
RAWLINS	2	5.0	5	2	7.4	5	48
RENO	67	8.3	9	67	8.6	6	3
REPUBLIC	3	4.3	4	2	4.9	3	13
RICE	11	7.7	8	11	9.8	8	27
RILEY	26	3.0	2	30	3.9	2	30
ROOKS	4	5.6	6	6	8.8	7	58
RUSH	1	2.6	1	1	2.8	1	7
RUSSELL	3	4.1	3	7	9.2	7	124
SALINE	58	7.8	8	64	9.0	7	16
SCOTT	5	6.1	7	4	6.7	4	10
SEDGWICK	699	9.3	9	793	10.6	9	14
SEWARD	50	12.8	10	48	11.7	9	-9
SHAWNEE	243	10.1	10	299	12.8	10	26
SHERIDAN	1	2.2	1	2	5.9	4	169
SHERMAN	9	9.2	9	12	14.3	10	55
SMITH	2	4.5	4	0	.0	1	-100
STAFFORD	3	4.4	4	4	6.6	4	49
STANTON	3	6.5	7	1	2.6	1	-60
STEVENS	4	5.4	6	11	16.2	10	201
SUMNER	26	7.3	8	42	13.0	10	78
THOMAS	6	5.0	5	4	3.7	2	-26
TREGO	1	1.7	1	2	5.4	3	215
WABAUNSEE	3	4.3	4	5	7.6	6	76
WALLACE	2	6.7	7	1	4.8	3	-29
WASHINGTON	3	3.5	2	4	5.8	4	66
WICHITA	2	5.0	5	1	3.3	1	-33
WILSON	10	8.3	9	9	7.6	6	-9
WOODSON	2	4.4	4	2	7.7	6	74
WYANDOTTE	490	16.3	10	526	18.7	10	14
KANSAS	2,946	7.7		3,422	10.9		42

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Negative percent change represents improvement.

CHILDREN APPROVED FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The percent of children approved for free school meals is a new indicator of economic well-being which has been added this year. A direct measure of childhood poverty is available for individual counties in Kansas only every ten years through the census. The childhood poverty rate has been reported in the Kids Count Data Book for the past two years. Since it cannot be updated annually it was dropped from this year's book and alternative measures were sought.

The free meals program is a federally sponsored program whose history can be traced to the first government food assistance program for schools and institutions during the depression years of the 1930's. We have chosen to count children approved for the free meals program rather than those actually participating since participation can vary for reasons unrelated to the family's or child's need. With an active outreach effort to identify eligible children and relatively simple application process, it can be expected that most eligible school children are identified. However, families and children cannot be made to participate in the program.

Standards for eligibility are based on family size and income. The standards for the free meals program are set somewhat higher than federal poverty standards thus more children are eligible for free meals than are living in families with incomes below the poverty line. In Kansas, 24 percent of the school children have been approved for the free meals program in 1994. This number is up from the 22 percent approved over the base years of 1991-93 and is considerably higher than the most recent available childhood poverty figure of 14 percent in 1989.

Considerable variation in this measure exists across the counties of Kansas. This variation seems to closely parallel the childhood poverty rates previously reported in the data book. The availability of these data from the Kansas State Board of Education and the apparent commitment to make them available on an ongoing basis will make this a very useful additional measure for the Kansas Kids Count Data Book.

	BASE YEARS - 1991-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVE. NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	AVE. PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	DECILE RANK	NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	795	28	9	888	31	9	10
ANDERSON	354	24	6	392	26	6	11
ATCHISON	867	26	8	1002	30	8	15
BARBER	197	17	2	178	15	1	-11
BARTON	1280	23	6	1554	27	7	18
BOURBON	820	29	9	986	35	10	20
BROWN	630	30	10	724	34	10	13
BUTLER	1575	13	1	2084	16	1	28
CHASE	145	25	8	166	28	8	13
CHAUTAUQUA	252	37	10	278	42	10	12
CHEROKEE	1258	34	10	1462	37	10	11
CHEYENNE	173	26	8	216	32	9	25
CLARK	91	18	2	99	20	2	9
CLAY	364	21	5	435	24	5	16
CLOUD	394	24	7	437	27	7	11
COFFEY	349	19	3	402	20	3	8
COMANCHE	111	25	7	104	24	5	-2
COWLEY	1498	22	5	1773	25	6	16
CRAWFORD	1998	30	10	2236	33	9	10
DECATUR	170	22	5	160	21	3	-3
DICKINSON	852	23	6	1046	24	5	7
DONIPHAN	427	26	8	495	30	8	17
DOUGLAS	1977	18	2	2182	19	2	5
EDWARDS	148	14	1	158	23	4	64
ELK	269	40	10	315	41	10	4
ELLIS	764	15	1	808	16	1	5
ELLSWORTH	213	16	2	300	20	2	25
FINNEY	2406	31	10	2826	34	10	11
FORD	1699	30	10	2095	35	10	16
FRANKLIN	1031	22	5	1092	23	4	2
GEARY	2700	34	10	2795	37	10	8
GOVE	99	14	1	94	13	1	-5
GRAHAM	161	24	7	173	26	6	6

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1991-93 AVE. NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	BASE YEARS - 1991-93 AVE PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	BASE YEARS - 1991-93 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	457	26	8	466	26	6	0
GRAY	184	16	2	207	17	1	8
GREELEY	92	25	7	86	26	6	3
GREENWOOD	353	28	9	421	32	9	13
HAMILTON	116	27	9	114	29	8	5
HARPER	302	23	6	333	26	7	17
HARVEY	1248	21	4	1382	23	4	9
HASKELL	251	28	9	250	27	7	-3
HODGEMAN	87	20	4	105	23	4	13
JACKSON	475	21	5	511	22	4	4
JEFFERSON	631	16	2	749	18	2	11
JEWELL	186	28	9	188	27	7	-2
JOHNSON	3779	6	1	4603	7	1	18
KEARNY	248	24	6	359	31	9	30
KINGMAN	346	20	4	459	25	6	25
KIOWA	155	23	6	166	25	6	11
LABETTE	1130	25	7	1371	30	8	21
LANE	80	15	1	118	22	4	50
LEAVENWORTH	1608	13	1	1997	15	1	18
LINCOLN	117	18	3	107	17	2	-6
LINN	520	28	9	589	31	9	12
LOGAN	184	24	7	203	27	7	12
LYON	1559	24	6	1716	26	7	12
MARION	390	17	2	506	22	4	27
MARSHALL	567	20	4	596	21	3	3
MCPHERSON	639	13	1	744	14	1	10
MEADE	108	19	3	129	21	3	15
MIAMI	852	20	4	904	21	3	5
MITCHELL	413	23	6	424	23	4	2
MONTGOMERY	1917	27	8	2123	30	8	11
MORRIS	256	23	6	338	30	9	30
MORTON	171	22	5	202	27	7	23
NEMAHA	336	17	2	394	19	2	15
NEOSHO	815	26	8	965	29	8	15
NESS	117	13	1	148	18	2	31
NORTON	210	20	4	241	22	4	11
OSAGE	589	19	3	643	20	3	6
OSBORNE	90	18	3	107	21	3	17
OTTAWA	231	20	4	292	24	5	19
PAWNEE	289	20	4	324	22	4	9
PHILLIPS	214	19	3	272	25	5	28
POTTAWATOMIE	557	15	2	678	19	2	21
PRATT	342	19	3	339	19	2	-1
RAWLINS	158	27	8	174	29	8	9
RENO	2747	24	7	3043	27	7	13
REPUBLIC	247	22	5	264	24	5	6
RICE	575	28	9	571	29	8	2
RILEY	1513	19	3	1561	19	2	1
ROOKS	235	19	3	246	21	3	10
RUSH	154	21	5	175	25	5	16
RUSSELL	330	25	7	360	26	6	3
SALINE	2046	22	5	2251	24	5	7
SCOTT	198	18	3	267	24	5	32
SEDGWICK	17968	24	7	20621	27	7	14
SEWARD	1481	33	10	1974	43	10	28
SHAWNEE	7348	25	8	7555	26	6	2
SHERIDAN	75	14	1	77	15	1	6
SHERMAN	350	28	9	392	31	9	9
SMITH	173	20	4	217	26	6	29
STAFFORD	257	24	7	319	29	8	17
STANTON	137	25	8	180	32	9	28
STEVENS	249	21	5	262	22	3	1
SUMNER	840	18	2	1111	23	4	26
THOMAS	342	20	4	363	21	3	5
TREGO	128	20	4	137	19	2	-3
WABAUNSEE	199	16	2	215	16	1	2
WALLACE	97	24	6	101	23	5	-2
WASHINGTON	371	23	6	400	26	7	13
WICHITA	147	24	7	163	26	6	8
WILSON	610	30	9	675	32	9	7
WOODSON	176	28	9	204	32	9	13
WYANDOTTE	12045	40	10	13774	46	10	15
KANSAS	100,475	22		114,476	24		12

Data are from Kansas State Board of Education.Negative percent change indicates improvement. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

CHILDREN RECEIVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

This indicator is another proxy measure for childhood poverty similar to the free meals indicator. As a measure of the use of specific services, it represents an imperfect measure of the need for such services. Its main advantage is that it is available as a measure for all counties in Kansas on an annual basis. However, when examining variations across time and across counties in the state, it is necessary to question whether these variations represent differences in the economic well-being of children and their families or whether they result from differences in administrative practices or program participation.

These data indicate, by county and for the state, the number and percent of children receiving cash assistance, medical assistance or food stamps. Each child is counted only once regardless of how many programs they may be participating in. Rates shown here are generally lower than those shown for the free meals indicator for two reasons. First, income eligibility for these economic assistance programs is generally lower than the eligibility for the free school meals program therefore fewer families qualify. In addition, this is a measure of participation rather than eligibility and not all eligible families apply and participate.

	BASE YEAR - JUNE, 1993			CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1994			
COUNTY	NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST	PERCENT RECEIVING ASSIST	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	970	24	9	938	23	9	-4
ANDERSON	342	16	6	379	17	7	9
ATCHISON	1,016	21	8	1,038	21	8	1
BARBER	91	6	1	144	9	2	58
BARTON	1,749	21	8	1,748	21	9	-1
BOURBON	1,033	26	10	1,011	26	10	-2
BROWN	780	25	10	775	25	9	-1
BUTLER	2,048	14	6	2,206	16	6	9
CHASE	139	18	7	147	19	8	5
CHAUTAUQUA	285	27	10	283	26	10	-2
CHEROKEE	1,859	32	10	1,920	33	10	2
CHEYENNE	63	8	2	62	7	2	-3
CLARK	87	14	5	66	11	3	-25
CLAY	419	17	7	381	16	6	-10
CLOUD	397	15	6	400	15	6	-1
COFFEY	318	13	5	346	14	5	7
COMANCHE	34	6	1	45	8	2	31
COWLEY	2,178	22	9	2,179	22	9	0
CRAWFORD	2,400	28	10	2,351	28	10	-3
DECATUR	94	9	2	77	7	1	-19
DICKINSON	807	16	6	784	15	6	-4
DONIPHAN	504	22	9	483	21	8	-6
DOUGLAS	2,715	17	10	2,911	19	7	9
EDWARDS	158	16	7	147	15	5	-8
ELK	178	23	9	217	27	10	19
ELLIS	746	11	3	818	12	4	9
ELLSWORTH	170	11	3	171	11	3	0
FINNEY	2,128	21	8	2,040	21	8	-1
FORD	1,760	23	9	1,823	24	9	5
FRANKLIN	1,357	22	9	1,301	21	9	-4
GEARY	2,734	31	10	2,621	30	10	-4
GOVE	45	5	1	46	5	1	0
GRAHAM	124	13	4	113	11	4	-11

COUNTY	BASE YEAR - JUNE, 1993 NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST.	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST.	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1994 NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST.	PERCENT RECEIVING ASSIST.	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	417	17	7	431	18	7	4
GRAY	145	9	2	156	9	2	9
GREELEY	54	10	3	30	6	1	-44
GREENWOOD	464	24	9	478	24	9	2
HAMILTON	84	13	5	79	12	4	-7
HARPER	367	20	8	354	19	8	-4
HARVEY	1,196	15	6	1,221	15	6	2
HASKELL	193	15	6	228	18	7	18
HODGEMAN	50	8	2	48	8	2	-4
JACKSON	644	19	7	543	16	6	-16
JEFFERSON	565	13	4	582	13	4	3
JEWELL	112	10	3	113	10	3	-2
JOHNSON	5,167	6	1	5,271	6	1	4
KEARNY	232	18	7	210	17	7	-8
KINGMAN	340	15	6	361	15	6	6
KIOWA	102	11	3	132	13	5	28
LABETTE	1,631	25	9	1,655	25	9	0
LANE	59	9	2	74	11	3	25
LEAVENWORTH	2,449	15	6	2,511	15	6	3
LINCOLN	71	8	2	69	8	2	-4
LINN	423	20	8	425	20	8	0
LOGAN	81	9	2	76	9	2	-8
LYON	1,759	19	8	1,867	21	8	7
MARION	315	10	3	346	11	3	9
MARSHALL	351	11	4	380	12	4	8
MCPHERSON	807	12	4	732	11	3	-9
MEADE	85	7	2	100	8	2	16
MIAMI	990	15	6	916	14	5	-7
MITCHELL	151	8	2	182	9	2	19
MONTGOMERY	2,641	25	10	2,715	26	10	1
MORRIS	365	23	9	319	20	8	-13
MORTON	140	13	5	155	14	5	10
NEMAHA	210	7	1	223	7	1	5
NEOSHO	1,080	23	9	1,176	25	10	7
NESS	59	5	1	56	5	1	-6
NORTON	179	13	4	177	12	4	-3
OSAGE	702	17	7	665	16	6	-6
OSBORNE	152	12	4	143	11	3	-8
OTTAWA	198	13	5	258	17	7	29
PAWNEE	220	11	4	268	13	5	21
PHILLIPS	165	10	3	169	10	2	1
POTTAWATOMIE	646	14	5	616	14	5	-4
PRATT	326	13	5	333	13	4	2
RAWLINS	62	6	1	71	7	1	12
RENO	3,639	22	9	3,635	22	9	-1
REPUBLIC	158	10	3	176	11	3	10
RICE	569	20	8	609	21	8	6
RILEY	1,688	12	4	1,768	12	4	5
ROOKS	190	11	4	206	12	4	6
RUSH	100	11	3	139	15	5	36
RUSSELL	285	15	6	329	17	7	13
SALINE	2,314	18	7	2,450	19	7	6
SCOTT	145	9	2	114	7	1	-23
SEDGWICK	23,640	22	8	25,501	24	9	9
SEWARD	1,569	27	10	1,790	32	10	15
SHAWNEE	9,162	22	8	9,201	22	9	0
SHERIDAN	30	3	1	45	5	1	46
SHERMAN	369	19	7	344	17	7	-9
SMITH	108	9	2	141	11	4	28
STAFFORD	251	18	7	222	16	6	-11
STANTON	87	11	4	75	10	3	-14
STEVENS	209	14	5	203	13	5	-2
SUMNER	1,145	16	6	1,208	17	7	6
THOMAS	307	13	4	331	14	5	7
TREGO	62	6	1	64	6	1	2
WABAUNSEE	252	14	5	245	13	4	-4
WALLACE	37	7	1	58	10	3	55
WASHINGTON	184	10	3	172	9	2	-9
WICHITA	131	14	5	141	15	6	6
WILSON	586	21	8	578	20	8	-4
WOODSON	187	19	7	184	18	7	-2
WYANDOTTE	15,498	33	10	15,695	33	10	0
KANSAS	119,079	18		122,509	19		3

Data are for the months of June, 1993 and 1994 and include all children under 18 receiving cash assistance, medical assistance, or food stamps. Assistance data provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census. Negative percent change scores indicate improvement.

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CHILDHOOD DEATHS

The child death rate is calculated per 100,000 children ages 1 to 14 years old and includes deaths from all causes. In 1993, 155 children (ages 1-14) died in Kansas of all causes. The leading cause of these deaths is accidents.

After steady and rather dramatic declines over the past ten years, the child death rate in Kansas now appears to be leveling off. Both the number of deaths and the rate of childhood deaths actually increased slightly in 1993 over the previous year. However, we should not lose sight of the advances made in this area. In 1985 the child death rate for Kansas was 17 percent higher than the national rate while the current rate is below the national average. Special efforts will be required to achieve further reductions in this indicator and to assure that the gains made in previous years are not lost.

Individual county data on this measure may be difficult to interpret because of the small number of deaths involved in calculating the rate. Nevertheless, we believe that the death of a child is an event of such significance that it demands our attention in the active search for methods to avoid the recurrence of future deaths or injury to children in our communities.

	BASE YEARS - 1988-92			CURRENT YEAR 1993			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS PER YEAR	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	1.8	56.3	9	0	+	+	+
ANDERSON	.4	24.8	4	2	127.6	9	414
ATCHISON	.8	22.4	4	2	57.2	6	156
BARBER	.6	46.5	8	0	+	+	+
BARTON	1.4	21.7	3	0	.0	1	-100
BOURBON	1.0	32.6	6	0	+	+	+
BROWN	1.4	56.9	9	2	80.8	8	42
BUTLER	3.2	27.3	4	3	24.3	4	-11
CHASE	.2	33.4	6	0	+	+	+
CHAUTAUQUA	.2	24.4	4	0	+	+	+
CHEROKEE	.8	17.9	2	1	22.6	3	26
CHEYENNE	.2	32.0	6	0	+	+	+
CLARK	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
CLAY	.4	21.2	3	1	52.9	6	150
CLOUD	.4	19.8	3	1	50.8	6	156
COFFEY	1.4	77.5	10	2	113.2	9	46
COMANCHE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
COWLEY	3.6	46.0	8	1	12.6	2	-73
CRAWFORD	2.2	33.3	6	3	45.3	6	36
DECATUR	.4	47.7	8	0	+	+	+
DICKINSON	2.4	61.2	9	3	76.9	7	26
DONIPHAN	.4	23.6	4	2	123.2	9	422
DOUGLAS	3.4	25.2	4	7	48.3	6	92
EDWARDS	.0	.0	1	0	+	+	+
ELK	.2	35.2	7	0	+	+	+
ELLIS	1.2	22.0	3	2	35.9	5	63
ELLSWORTH	.4	33.0	6	0	+	+	+
FINNEY	4.0	43.3	8	4	38.5	5	-11
FORD	3.4	53.2	8	2	29.6	4	-44
FRANKLIN	1.0	20.3	3	0	.0	1	-100
GEARY	4.4	60.2	9	2	26.2	4	-57
GOVE	.8	117.1	10	1	155.8	10	33
GRAHAM	.8	107.8	10	0	+	+	+

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS PER YEAR	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	1.0	49.8	8	0	+	+	+
GRAY	.6	42.8	7	0	+	+	+
GREELEY	.4	87.7	10	1	210.8	10	141
GREENWOOD	.4	27.3	5	0	+	+	+
HAMILTON	.0	+	+	1	212.7	10	*
HARPER	.4	27.6	5	0	+	+	+
HARVEY	2.0	30.8	6	1	15.0	2	-51
HASKELL	.8	80.2	10	0	+	+	+
HODGEMAN	.4	80.1	10	0	+	+	+
JACKSON	.4	15.1	2	1	37.6	5	150
JEFFERSON	1.0	28.3	5	0	.0	1	-100
JEWELL	.4	48.9	8	1	128.6	10	163
JOHNSON	15.4	20.2	3	19	23.1	3	15
KEARNY	.2	18.1	2	0	+	+	+
KINGMAN	.4	22.0	3	0	+	+	+
KIOWA	.0	.0	1	0	+	+	+
LABETTE	2.0	40.0	7	5	102.9	8	157
LANE	.2	38.0	7	0	+	+	+
LEAVENWORTH	2.8	20.2	3	2	13.9	2	-31
LINCOLN	.4	58.0	9	0	+	+	+
LINN	1.0	59.6	9	1	59.1	7	-1
LOGAN	.4	61.3	9	0	+	+	+
LYON	2.2	29.0	5	1	12.7	2	-56
MARION	1.4	58.6	9	2	83.1	8	42
MARSHALL	.6	23.5	4	1	37.6	5	60
MCPHERSON	2.0	34.6	6	0	.0	1	-100
MEADE	.2	21.8	3	1	110.3	9	407
MIAMI	2.6	49.8	8	2	35.6	4	-29
MITCHELL	.2	13.7	1	1	70.3	7	414
MONTGOMERY	3.2	40.0	7	1	12.8	2	-68
MORRIS	.8	64.6	9	1	79.5	8	23
MORTON	.6	70.8	10	0	+	+	+
NEMAHA	.4	16.5	2	1	40.9	5	148
NEOSHO	.6	16.8	2	2	58.0	7	244
NESS	.4	45.9	8	0	+	+	+
NORTON	.0	.0	1	1	103.3	9	*
OSAGE	.6	18.3	2	0	+	+	+
OSBORNE	.4	43.0	8	1	112.6	9	162
OTTAWA	.0	.0	1	0	+	+	+
PAWNEE	.4	26.9	4	1	67.2	7	150
PHILLIPS	.2	15.1	2	0	+	+	+
POTTAWATOMIE	1.4	36.4	7	0	.0	1	-100
PRATT	.6	30.0	5	2	98.2	8	227
RAWLINS	.2	27.3	5	0	+	+	+
RENO	3.8	29.8	5	3	23.8	3	-20
REPUBLIC	.2	17.0	2	0	+	+	+
RICE	1.6	71.1	10	0	+	+	+
RILEY	3.8	32.0	6	4	32.6	4	2
ROOKS	.4	30.7	6	0	+	+	+
RUSH	.0	.0	1	0	+	+	+
RUSSELL	.4	27.3	4	0	+	+	+
SALINE	3.2	30.6	5	2	18.9	3	-38
SCOTT	.4	32.9	6	0	+	+	+
SEDGWICK	25.8	28.6	5	33	35.0	4	22
SEWARD	1.8	37.4	7	1	19.8	3	-47
SHAWNEE	8.8	26.5	4	6	17.8	2	-33
SHERIDAN	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
SHERMAN	.2	13.5	1	0	+	+	+
SMITH	.6	67.1	9	0	+	+	+
STAFFORD	.2	17.6	2	0	+	+	+
STANTON	.8	134.7	10	0	+	+	+
STEVENS	.2	16.1	2	1	78.4	8	387
SUMNER	.8	13.3	1	4	63.8	7	379
THOMAS	.4	21.4	3	0	+	+	+
TREGO	.6	76.9	10	0	+	+	+
WABAUNSEE	.6	41.9	7	0	+	+	+
WALLACE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WASHINGTON	.0	.0	1	0	+	+	+
WICHITA	.2	27.8	5	1	140.6	10	406
WILSON	.8	38.3	7	1	50.4	6	32
WOODSON	.0	.0	1	0	+	+	+
WYANDOTTE	14.4	39.1	7	8	22.0	3	-44
KANSAS	162	30.5		155	28.3		-4

Mortality data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Childhood mortality rates represent the number of deaths per 100,000 children age 1-14.Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census.Negative change scores indicate improvement.As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

+ Rates are not calculated for counties with too few children for meaningful interpretation.

* Zero events in the base years prevent calculation of percent change scores.

INFANT MORTALITY

In 1980, Kansas had one of the lower infant mortality rates in the country, ranking 18th among all states. Significant declines in infant mortality made in the early 1980's have now leveled off over the past five years and more recently there has even been a slight increase. Kansas' rank had slipped to 26 in 1991. Have we reached the point at which no further reductions in infant mortality are possible? Not when 17 other states and at least six other countries have rates below that of Kansas. Not when rates in some of our more populated counties are 20 to 50 percent above the state rate. Not when one of our more economically advantaged counties has a rate that is about half of the state rate. It should be possible to address these wide differences in a state like Kansas.

The infant mortality rate is a measure of the number of deaths of children prior to their first birthday. The rate is measured per 1000 live births during the same time period. As with other death rate measures provided in this book one must be cautious in working with rates based on a small number of deaths. Nevertheless, every infant death is an important event which should be examined by the community to learn if future deaths and injuries can be avoided.

In 1993, 325 infants died in Kansas. The main causes of infant death are premature births and low birth weight, respiratory distress syndrome, and complications associated with pregnancy. Many of these problems can be avoided or controlled with early prenatal care.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	2	9.5	7	2	11.2	6	18
ANDERSON	1	10.2	9	0	+	+	+
ATCHISON	3	11.3	9	3	13.8	7	22
BARBER	0	.0	2	2	33.3	10	*
BARTON	4	9.2	7	7	18.7	8	104
BOURBON	2	11.0	9	4	21.5	8	95
BROWN	1	6.3	5	0	.0	2	-100
BUTLER	7	9.9	8	8	11.5	6	16
CHASE	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
CHAUTAUQUA	1	27.8	10	0	+	+	+
CHEROKEE	2	8.5	6	2	7.0	3	-17
CHEYENNE	0	11.6	9	0	+	+	+
CLARK	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
CLAY	1	5.5	4	2	20.2	8	268
CLOUD	1	10.1	8	1	7.4	4	-27
COFFEY	0	.0	2	1	9.8	5	*
COMANCHE	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
COWLEY	4	8.6	6	4	7.7	4	-10
CRAWFORD	3	6.8	5	2	4.5	2	-34
DECATUR	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
DICKINSON	2	7.0	5	2	9.4	5	35
DONIPHAN	0	2.0	3	0	+	+	+
DOUGLAS	7	6.9	5	7	6.5	3	-6
EDWARDS	0	9.7	7	1	22.2	9	130
ELK	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
ELLIS	2	7.4	6	4	12.2	6	64
ELLSWORTH	1	9.1	7	0	+	+	+
FINNEY	5	6.9	5	4	5.2	2	-25
FORD	5	9.8	8	3	5.3	2	-46
FRANKLIN	3	8.9	7	6	19.9	8	123
GEARY	8	6.8	5	12	10.5	5	55
GOVE	0	.0	2	2	55.6	10	*
GRAHAM	0	5.2	4	0	+	+	+

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	1	6.3	5	0	.0	2	-100
GRAY	0	2.6	3	2	27.0	9	953
GREELEY	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
GREENWOOD	1	7.3	5	1	12.2	6	68
HAMILTON	1	18.0	10	0	+	+	+
HARPER	1	13.9	10	0	+	+	+
HARVEY	4	10.2	8	4	10.4	5	2
HASKELL	1	13.7	10	0	+	+	+
HODGEMAN	0	6.3	4	0	+	+	+
JACKSON	2	10.1	8	1	6.1	3	-40
JEFFERSON	1	6.1	4	3	15.7	7	159
JEWELL	1	24.8	10	0	+	+	+
JOHNSON	33	5.8	4	26	4.4	2	-25
KEARNY	1	8.1	6	1	13.7	6	69
KINGMAN	1	7.8	6	1	8.6	4	11
KIOWA	1	12.6	9	0	+	+	+
LABETTE	1	4.2	3	0	.0	2	-100
LANE	0	.0	2	1	41.7	10	*
LEAVENWORTH	7	8.4	6	15	17.8	8	112
LINCOLN	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
LINN	1	10.1	8	0	+	+	+
LOGAN	0	5.3	4	0	+	+	+
LYON	3	5.3	4	4	7.3	4	37
MARION	1	4.1	3	0	.0	2	-100
MARSHALL	1	5.7	4	0	+	+	+
MCPHERSON	4	10.3	9	2	5.8	2	-44
MEADE	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
MIAMI	3	7.9	6	2	6.2	3	-22
MITCHELL	0	2.3	3	0	+	+	+
MONTGOMERY	5	9.8	8	0	.0	2	-100
MORRIS	0	2.5	3	1	13.3	6	423
MORTON	0	9.2	7	0	+	+	+
NEMAHA	1	5.6	4	2	14.8	7	165
NEOSHO	2	9.0	7	0	.0	2	-100
NESS	0	9.9	8	0	+	+	+
NORTON	1	13.3	10	0	+	+	+
OSAGE	1	7.0	5	0	.0	2	-100
OSBORNE	0	3.6	3	0	+	+	+

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 INFANT MORTALITY RATE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	0	6.5	5	1	17.9	8	175
PAWNEE	1	12.2	9	2	25.3	9	107
PHILLIPS	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
POTTAWATOMIE	0	1.6	2	2	9.8	5	495
PRATT	1	10.2	8	0	+	+	+
RAWLINS	0	10.0	8	1	37.0	10	270
RENO	7	8.7	6	7	9.0	4	4
REPUBLIC	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
RICE	2	16.1	10	1	8.9	4	-45
RILEY	8	9.2	7	5	6.6	3	-28
ROOKS	0	.0	2	1	14.7	7	*
RUSH	0	.0	2	1	27.8	9	*
RUSSELL	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
SALINE	6	8.3	6	3	4.2	2	-49
SCOTT	1	13.2	10	0	+	+	+
SEDGWICK	79	10.6	9	80	10.7	6	1
SEWARD	4	9.2	7	4	9.7	5	5
SHAWNEE	21	8.9	7	18	7.6	4	-14
SHERIDAN	0	10.9	9	0	+	+	+
SHERMAN	0	4.0	3	0	+	+	+
SMITH	1	16.3	10	1	23.3	9	43
STAFFORD	1	9.4	7	3	49.2	10	422
STANTON	0	4.7	3	0	+	+	+
STEVENS	0	2.6	3	0	+	+	+
SUMNER	3	8.3	6	2	6.2	3	-25
THOMAS	0	1.6	2	0	+	+	+
TREGO	0	5.7	4	1	27.0	9	372
WABAUNSEE	2	20.3	10	1	15.2	7	-25
WALLACE	0	7.4	6	0	+	+	+
WASHINGTON	0	5.4	4	1	14.5	7	170
WICHITA	0	.0	2	1	33.3	10	*
WILSON	2	13.0	9	3	25.2	9	94
WOODSON	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
WYANDOTTE	39	13.0	9	41	14.5	7	11
KANSAS	328	8.5		325	8.7		2

Mortality data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Infant mortality rates represent the number of infant deaths per 1,000 infants. Negative change scores indicate improvement. Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

+Rates are not calculated for counties with too few children for meaningful interpretation.
*Zero events in the base years prevent calculation of percent change scores.

BIRTHS WITH EARLY PRENATAL CARE

Early prenatal care (beginning in the first trimester) has been shown to improve birth outcomes for both the mother and child. It has been estimated that every dollar spent on prenatal care returns three dollars in reduced costs associated with complications of birth and prolonged hospital stays. Prenatal care is an investment opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

The percent of mothers reporting that they received early prenatal care continues to slowly climb in Kansas reaching 84 percent in 1993. In Greeley and Hodgeman counties, 100 percent of mothers giving birth in 1993 had received early prenatal care. Nine counties - Coffey, Ellis, Jackson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Nemaha, Osage, Saline, and Shawnee - who experienced more than 100 births in 1993, achieved rates of 90 percent or higher. Some counties, however, continue to lag far behind these impressive numbers. In six counties - Barber, Chautauqua, Kearny, Riley, Seward, and Stevens - more than one out of four mothers did not receive early prenatal care in 1993 and this condition has actually worsened compared to the previous five years in these counties.

	BASE YEARS 1988-92			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	AVE. # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	% OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	DECILE RANK	# OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	% OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	152	80	6	147	82	6	3
ANDERSON	77	79	7	76	84	6	6
ATCHISON	173	75	8	164	75	9	0
BARBER	60	81	6	44	73	10	-9
BARTON	327	75	9	306	82	6	9
BOURBON	154	71	10	150	81	7	14
BROWN	123	78	7	111	80	8	3
BUTLER	601	85	2	619	89	2	5
CHASE	24	83	4	26	87	4	4
CHAUTAUQUA	34	79	6	21	62	10	-22
CHEROKEE	200	71	10	217	76	9	7
CHEYENNE	28	81	6	16	89	3	9
CLARK	23	86	2	19	86	4	1
CLAY	90	83	5	81	82	6	-1
CLOUD	104	87	2	118	87	3	0
COFFEY	73	83	4	93	91	2	9
COMANCHE	27	90	1	13	81	7	-10
COWLEY	429	83	4	427	82	6	-1
CRAWFORD	339	77	8	361	81	7	5
DECATUR	33	75	9	28	80	8	7
DICKINSON	207	80	6	169	79	8	-1
DONIPHAN	76	77	8	81	78	8	1
DOUGLAS	907	85	3	902	84	5	-1
EDWARDS	31	74	9	35	78	9	5
ELK	27	78	7	23	85	5	9
ELLIS	294	91	1	306	93	1	2
ELLSWORTH	56	86	2	47	85	4	0
FINNEY	469	60	10	460	59	10	-1
FORD	401	73	9	351	62	10	-14
FRANKLIN	271	81	6	252	83	6	3
GEARY	732	64	10	636	56	10	-12
GOVE	37	90	1	29	81	7	-11
GRAHAM	30	77	8	20	87	3	13

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988-92 AVE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS 1988-92 % OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 % OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	88	70	10	100	74	9	6
GRAY	65	84	4	64	86	4	3
GREELEY	20	78	7	17	100	1	29
GREENWOOD	57	73	9	64	78	8	7
HAMILTON	24	72	9	27	79	8	10
HARPER	69	79	6	46	79	8	0
HARVEY	336	81	5	311	81	7	-1
HASKELL	48	66	10	60	71	10	8
HODGEMAN	26	83	5	10	100	1	21
JACKSON	133	85	3	153	93	1	10
JEFFERSON	166	84	3	166	87	4	3
JEWELL	34	84	4	24	75	9	-10
JOHNSON	5123	92	1	5506	93	1	2
KEARNY	52	71	10	47	64	10	-9
KINGMAN	84	82	5	101	87	3	6
KIOWA	41	87	2	42	91	2	5
LABETTE	259	78	7	224	83	6	6
LANE	23	81	6	21	88	3	8
LEAVENWORTH	716	84	4	757	90	2	7
LINCOLN	29	82	5	25	89	2	8
LINN	72	72	9	52	74	9	3
LOGAN	32	85	3	32	94	1	11
LYON	325	75	8	424	78	9	3
MARION	120	83	5	125	87	4	5
MARSHALL	117	83	5	83	77	9	-7
MCPHERSON	305	83	4	290	85	5	2
MEADE	49	79	7	48	79	8	-1
MIAMI	276	84	3	276	85	4	1
MITCHELL	75	88	1	51	85	5	-3
MONTGOMERY	395	78	7	400	84	5	7
MORRIS	63	81	6	61	81	6	0
MORTON	28	65	10	33	69	10	5
NEMAHA	131	91	1	124	92	2	1
NEOSHO	183	82	5	179	84	5	3
NESS	34	85	3	36	88	3	3
NORTON	51	84	3	60	92	1	10
OSAGE	164	84	4	167	92	1	10
OSBORNE	48	86	2	40	89	3	3

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988-92 AVE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS 1988-92 % OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 % OF BIRTHS W/ EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	55	90	1	52	93	1	4
PAWNEE	64	78	7	66	84	5	7
PHILLIPS	68	89	1	64	77	9	-13
POTTAWATOMIE	201	83	5	173	85	5	3
PRATT	98	83	4	92	88	3	6
RAWLINS	32	79	6	24	89	3	12
RENO	592	74	9	639	82	6	11
REPUBLIC	53	82	5	33	80	7	-2
RICE	101	74	9	91	81	7	10
RILEY	669	77	8	563	74	9	-4
ROOKS	67	89	1	62	91	2	3
RUSH	34	87	2	32	89	3	2
RUSSELL	67	86	2	64	84	5	-2
SALINE	654	88	2	638	90	2	3
SCOTT	58	77	8	50	83	6	8
SEDGWICK	6263	83	4	6379	86	4	3
SEWARD	217	56	10	216	53	10	-5
SHAWNEE	2085	87	2	2127	90	2	4
SHERIDAN	31	85	3	29	85	4	1
SHERMAN	79	79	6	68	81	7	2
SMITH	42	85	3	38	88	3	4
STAFFORD	50	78	7	55	90	2	15
STANTON	32	75	9	29	76	9	2
STEVENS	54	69	10	46	69	10	-1
SUMNER	279	77	8	276	86	4	11
THOMAS	105	86	2	87	81	7	-5
TREGO	31	90	1	36	97	1	8
WABAUNSEE	66	84	4	55	83	6	0
WALLACE	20	75	9	17	81	7	8
WASHINGTON	64	85	3	58	84	5	-1
WICHITA	31	78	7	26	87	4	11
WILSON	94	77	8	94	79	8	3
WOODSON	29	79	7	21	81	7	2
WYANDOTTE	2260	76	8	2233	79	8	5
KANSAS	31,113	82		31,127	84		2

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Positive percent change represents improvement. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

KINDERGARTNERS FULLY IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2

The near-eradication in the United States of familiar childhood diseases by the mid-1980's has made some people less conscientious about vaccinating their children until many are forced to complete vaccinations prior to enrolling in kindergarten. The result is a resurgence of childhood diseases. In the case of measles, which began to come back in 1989, the patients are much sicker than in previous epidemics.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that a series of basic vaccinations against such diseases as measles and whooping cough should be completed for all children by two years of age in order to best insure the protection of the child and community. In Kansas in 1993, two out of five children failed to achieve this recommended protection.

In roughly one-third of Kansas counties less than half of the two year olds have received all recommended vaccinations. In Finney, Graham, Neosho, Woodson, and Wyandotte counties, fewer than one out of every three two year olds were fully immunized. In 1993, no Kansas counties reached the national goal for the year 2000 which is to fully immunize 90 percent of all two year olds.

The state and many local communities have undertaken special efforts to immunize children in the past few years. Insufficient time has elapsed to see any benefits from these programs. Data used to calculate the immunization rates presented here are based on a retrospective survey of students as they enroll for kindergarten. It could be expected then to take three to five years for improvements in immunization of children to appear in the retrospective kindergarten data.

	BASE YEARS 1989 - 90, 1992			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	97	45	9	82	41	9	-9
ANDERSON	51	45	9	46	46	8	1
ATCHISON	91	47	8	54	40	9	-15
BARBER	56	56	5	64	62	3	11
BARTON	230	55	6	146	38	10	-31
BOURBON	114	54	6	92	46	8	-15
BROWN	93	58	5	70	52	6	-10
BUTLER	477	56	6	542	61	4	10
CHASE	23	54	7	35	60	4	12
CHAUTAUQUA	27	54	6	24	45	8	-17
CHEROKEE	120	43	9	103	35	10	-19
CHEYENNE	33	64	3	21	67	3	5
CLARK	12	30	10	19	47	8	55
CLAY	73	60	4	85	65	3	9
CLOUD	62	47	8	50	40	9	-15
COFFEY	73	55	6	60	49	7	-11
COMANCHE	17	52	7	14	50	7	-4
COWLEY	292	55	6	336	61	4	10
CRAWFORD	230	48	8	174	38	10	-20
DECATUR	20	36	10	23	49	7	37
DICKINSON	190	62	3	169	53	6	-15
DONIPHAN	55	41	10	44	39	9	-5
DOUGLAS	624	73	1	680	73	1	0
EDWARDS	31	54	6	24	52	6	-4
ELK	22	53	7	23	[illegible]	8	-11
ELLIS	218	66	2		56	5	-16
ELLSWORTH	60	64	2	71	68	3	6
FINNEY	397	47	8	251	30	10	-36
FORD	241	56	5	255	50	7	-11
FRANKLIN	189	49	8	165	47	8	-5
GEARY	419	54	6	387	50	7	-8
GOVE	34	67	2	25	62	3	-7
GRAHAM	19	39	10	15	30	10	-24

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1989 - 90, 1992 AVERAGE NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	PERCENT IMMUNIZED	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	72	47	8	48	42	9	-10
GRAY	64	71	1	64	70	2	-2
GREELEY	19	58	5	11	41	9	-29
GREENWOOD	41	41	10	35	39	9	-5
HAMILTON	26	66	2	22	84	1	27
HARPER	64	60	4	60	72	2	20
HARVEY	250	60	4	287	72	2	19
HASKELL	38	55	6	46	53	6	-3
HODGEMAN	20	57	5	22	70	2	22
JACKSON	130	71	1	130	72	2	2
JEFFERSON	188	63	3	230	74	1	18
JEWELL	47	84	1	27	58	5	-31
JOHNSON	3333	67	2	3383	68	3	1
KEARNY	80	67	2	70	57	5	-15
KINGMAN	66	63	3	62	60	4	-5
KIOWA	28	58	4	22	39	9	-33
LABETTE	161	48	8	143	42	9	-13
LANE	17	45	9	22	62	3	39
LEAVENWORTH	569	63	3	614	69	2	9
LINCOLN	30	74	1	39	84	1	14
LINN	63	46	9	63	48	7	4
LOGAN	16	44	9	26	73	1	67
LYON	263	51	7	236	52	6	2
MARION	112	64	2	94	55	5	-14
MARSHALL	127	62	4	169	51	6	-17
MCPHERSON	268	68	2	115	69	2	2
MEADE	23	50	7	19	49	7	-1
MIAMI	155	47	8	153	52	6	10
MITCHELL	62	53	7	46	51	6	-4
MONTGOMERY	224	44	9	220	44	8	1
MORRIS	57	60	4	44	60	4	0
MORTON	31	47	8	44	60	4	28
NEMAHA	109	69	1	118	79	1	15
NEOSHO	86	36	10	51	25	10	-31
NESS	39	69	1	24	61	4	-12
NORTON	41	52	7	40	52	6	1
OSAGE	135	62	4	131	62	3	1
OSBORNE	23	53	7	13	42	9	-20
OTTAWA	56	62	4	57	73	1	19
PAWNEE	40	40	10	44	44	8	11
PHILLIPS	46	52	7	52	52	6	-1
POTTAWATOMIE	164	61	4	154	62	3	2
PRATT	74	57	5	59	56	5	-2
RAWLINS	24	55	6	14	37	10	-33
RENO	532	64	2	553	67	3	4
REPUBLIC	41	50	7	49	60	4	20
RICE	95	62	3	75	58	5	-7
RILEY	400	62	3	456	72	2	16
ROOKS	34	45	9	52	65	3	44
RUSH	31	55	6	23	53	6	-4
RUSSELL	55	49	8	40	46	8	-7
SALINE	406	61	4	478	78	1	29
SCOTT	54	65	2	57	61	4	-7
SEDGWICK	3397	58	5	3240	57	5	-2
SEWARD	158	40	10	145	38	10	-4
SHAWNEE	1329	64	2	1402	70	2	9
SHERIDAN	22	68	1	24	74	1	9
SHERMAN	47	47	8	55	49	7	5
SMITH	36	63	3	22	54	5	-14
STAFFORD	33	44	9	44	51	6	17
STANTON	36	74	1	29	68	3	-8
STEVENS	34	40	10	41	44	8	11
SUMNER	202	57	5	191	54	5	-6
THOMAS	74	61	4	62	69	2	13
TREGO	31	62	4	25	50	7	-19
WABAUNSEE	66	63	3	33	40	9	-36
WALLACE	30	88	1	16	63	3	-29
WASHINGTON	62	57	5	78	68	3	19
WICHITA	25	56	5	24	61	4	9
WILSON	63	40	10	67	46	8	15
WOODSON	26	51	7	11	31	10	-40
WYANDOTTE	875	38	10	766	33	10	-14
KANSAS	20,368	57		19,721	57		0

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Rates are percent of kindergartners who were fully immunized by age 2, based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates. No survey was conducted in 1991. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks. As a result of rounding, counties displaying identical base and current year percentages may have a non-zero percent change.

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES

Being born at low birth weight (less than 5 1/2 pounds) greatly reduces the baby's ability to survive and thrive. Over one-half of the infants who die were born low birth weight. Those who survive are more likely to have illnesses, disabilities and behavioral problems in school.

The percent of low birth weight babies continues to rise in Kansas standing at 6.6 percent of births in 1993. Due to the relatively small number of births impacted by low birth weight, it is most helpful to look at counties with larger populations and more births in searching for patterns and solutions to this problem in Kansas. Several larger counties stand out with low birth weight percentages below the state rate. These include: Douglas (6.3 percent); Johnson (5.1 percent); and Reno (6.3 percent). These counties could be looked to as potential models for approaches which could be applied elsewhere in the state. Target counties for improvement would include: Geary (9.6 percent); Sedgwick (7.1 percent); Shawnee (7.5 percent); and Wyandotte (9.7 percent).

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVE # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	12	6.4	8	8	4.5	3	-30
ANDERSON	4	4.5	2	4	4.4	3	-2
ATCHISON	12	5.3	4	14	6.4	7	21
BARBER	3	4.3	2	5	8.3	9	94
BARTON	28	6.4	8	27	7.2	8	12
BOURBON	12	5.4	5	11	5.9	6	9
BROWN	9	5.6	5	7	5.1	4	-9
BUTLER	39	5.6	5	51	7.4	8	32
CHASE	3	7.0	9	1	3.3	2	-52
CHAUTAUQUA	5	11.1	10	2	5.9	6	-47
CHEROKEE	21	7.3	9	21	7.3	8	0
CHEYENNE	2	5.2	4	1	5.6	5	7
CLARK	1	5.3	4	4	18.2	10	243
CLAY	6	5.3	4	2	2.0	1	-62
CLOUD	8	6.6	8	4	3.0	2	-55
COFFEY	4	4.2	2	8	7.8	9	87
COMANCHE	2	7.4	10	1	6.3	6	-15
COWLEY	35	6.8	9	28	5.4	5	-21
CRAWFORD	23	5.2	4	26	5.8	6	11
DECATUR	1	1.4	1	0	.0	1	-100
DICKINSON	16	6.3	7	10	4.7	3	-25
DONIPHAN	5	5.5	5	8	7.7	8	41
DOUGLAS	63	5.9	6	68	6.3	7	8
EDWARDS	2	3.9	1	2	4.4	3	15
ELK	3	8.8	10	1	3.7	2	-58
ELLIS	16	4.8	3	24	7.3	8	51
ELLSWORTH	4	5.8	6	3	5.5	5	-6
FINNEY	52	6.7	8	40	5.2	4	-22
FORD	28	5.1	3	34	6.0	6	19
FRANKLIN	21	6.2	7	18	6.0	6	-4
GEARY	81	7.0	9	110	9.6	9	37
GOVE	2	5.8	6	3	8.3	9	44
GRAHAM	3	8.2	10	0	.0	1	-100

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVE. # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	7	5.7	5	7	5.2	5	-9
GRAY	4	4.9	3	5	6.8	7	39
GREELEY	1	2.3	1	0	.0	1	-100
GREENWOOD	5	6.3	7	5	6.1	6	-3
HAMILTON	2	6.6	8	0	.0	1	-100
HARPER	5	5.8	6	3	5.2	4	-11
HARVEY	25	6.0	6	12	3.1	2	-48
HASKELL	5	6.6	8	3	3.6	2	-46
HODGEMAN	1	4.4	2	1	10.0	10	127
JACKSON	9	5.8	6	8	4.8	4	-17
JEFFERSON	13	6.7	9	11	5.8	5	-14
JEWELL	3	7.9	10	2	6.3	6	-21
JOHNSON	265	4.7	3	303	5.1	4	8
KEARNY	4	5.7	6	6	8.2	9	44
KINGMAN	6	6.2	7	4	3.4	2	-45
KIOWA	2	3.8	1	3	6.5	7	72
LABETTE	23	6.9	9	18	6.6	7	-4
LANE	1	4.9	3	2	8.3	9	69
LEAVENWORTH	55	6.4	8	58	6.9	7	8
LINCOLN	1	4.0	1	3	10.7	10	171
LINN	4	4.4	2	7	10.0	10	126
LOGAN	2	6.4	8	0	.0	1	-100
LYON	23	4.3	2	40	16.1	10	275
MARION	6	4.1	2	8	5.5	5	34
MARSHALL	7	5.1	4	5	4.6	3	-9
MCPHERSON	19	5.2	4	17	5.0	4	-5
MEADE	3	5.1	4	6	9.8	9	91
MIAMI	19	5.9	6	24	7.4	8	26
MITCHELL	4	4.9	3	3	5.0	4	2
MONTGOMERY	37	7.2	9	35	7.3	8	1
MORRIS	4	5.6	5	5	6.7	7	19
MORTON	1	2.8	1	1	2.0	1	-26
NEMAHA	5	3.5	1	9	6.7	7	91
NEOSHO	11	5.0	3	9	4.2	3	-15
NESS	2	5.9	6	4	9.8	9	64
NORTON	3	5.0	3	4	6.2	6	23
OSAGE	13	6.4	8	9	5.0	4	-22
OSBORNE	2	4.3	2	1	2.2	1	-48

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVE. # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 % OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	3	5.5	5	6	10.7	10	93
PAWNEE	5	6.1	7	8	10.1	10	66
PHILLIPS	4	4.7	3	2	2.4	2	-49
POTTAWATOMIE	15	6.0	7	10	4.9	4	-18
PRATT	7	5.8	6	5	4.8	4	-17
RAWLINS	2	4.5	2	1	3.7	2	-18
RENO	48	6.0	6	49	6.3	6	5
REPUBLIC	2	3.4	1	0	.0	1	-100
RICE	8	5.6	5	3	2.7	2	-52
RILEY	40	4.6	2	41	5.4	5	18
ROOKS	6	8.0	10	9	13.2	10	65
RUSH	2	4.7	3	2	5.6	5	19
RUSSELL	4	5.1	4	9	11.8	10	130
SALINE	45	6.0	7	40	5.6	5	-7
SCOTT	4	5.3	4	3	5.0	4	-5
SEDGWICK	531	7.1	9	532	7.1	7	1
SEWARD	29	7.4	10	30	7.3	8	-2
SHAWNEE	171	7.1	9	175	7.5	8	5
SHERIDAN	2	5.5	5	3	8.8	9	61
SHERMAN	6	6.2	7	6	7.1	8	15
SMITH	3	6.1	7	3	7.0	7	14
STAFFORD	5	7.2	9	4	6.6	7	-9
STANTON	3	7.5	10	4	10.5	10	41
STEVENS	5	6.1	7	3	4.4	3	-28
SUMNER	23	6.3	7	13	4.0	3	-36
THOMAS	7	5.5	5	3	2.8	2	-49
TREGO	3	7.4	10	2	5.4	5	-27
WABAUNSEE	3	4.1	1	1	1.5	1	-63
WALLACE	2	6.7	9	2	9.5	9	43
WASHINGTON	4	5.4	4	4	5.8	6	8
WICHITA	2	4.0	1	1	3.3	2	-17
WILSON	8	6.5	8	5	4.2	3	-35
WOODSON	2	4.4	2	1	3.8	3	-13
WYANDOTTE	257	8.6	10	274	9.7	9	13
KANSAS	2390	6.2		2441	6.6		6

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Negative percent change represents improvement.

HEAD START PARTICIPATION

1994 was a significant year for Head Start in Kansas. Spurred on by a new federal initiative, the state added 698 Head Start slots state wide, a 15 percent increase in slots. Six counties in the state created the first Head Start programs to serve children from low income families in their counties. Twenty-eight additional counties added slots.

Despite these dramatic gains, Head Start slots are now available to serve only 42 percent of the eligible children in the state. Head Start is more than custodial day care. It provides a comprehensive program which includes early childhood education, health, nutrition and social services to boost the school readiness of poor children. Through its work with the families of children served, it can also have an impact on the child's home environment and the lives of parents. The program is widely believed to be effective. Kansans should be proud of the increased availability of this program in our state and supportive of ongoing efforts to continue this trend.

	BASE YEAR - 1992 - 93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	40	47	3	40	47	4	0
ANDERSON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
ATCHISON	52	37	4	52	37	5	1
BARBER	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
BARTON	0	0	10	54	27	6	*
BOURBON	40	32	4	40	31	6	0
BROWN	40	44	3	51	56	3	27
BUTLER	81	47	3	98	55	3	18
CHASE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CHAUTAUQUA	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CHEROKEE	110	51	2	110	51	3	1
CHEYENNE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CLARK	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CLAY	60	109	1	60	109	1	0
CLOUD	5	9	6	30	52	3	507
COFFEY	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
COMANCHE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
COWLEY	59	34	4	85	49	4	43
CRAWFORD	107	42	3	107	42	5	0
DECATUR	8	38	4	17	85	1	127
DICKINSON	0	0	10	45	43	4	*
DONIPHAN	40	77	1	40	78	1	2
DOUGLAS	78	26	5	78	25	6	-4
EDWARDS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
ELK	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
ELLIS	86	59	2	98	66	2	13
ELLSWORTH	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
FINNEY	105	52	2	134	62	2	20
FORD	121	69	1	167	93	1	34
FRANKLIN	20	21	5	20	21	6	-1
GEARY	119	32	4	170	45	4	40
GOVE	8	50	2	17	116	1	134
GRAHAM	8	27	5	17	62	2	129

COUNTY	BASE YEAR - 1992 - 93 HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	BASE YEAR - 1992 - 93 AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	BASE YEAR - 1992 - 93 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	48	96	1	51	100	1	5
GRAY	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
GREELEY	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
GREENWOOD	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
HAMILTON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
HARPER	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
HARVEY	49	52	2	49	52	3	-1
HASKELL	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
HODGEMAN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
JACKSON	40	71	1	40	71	2	0
JEFFERSON	27	45	3	34	56	3	25
JEWELL	0	0	10	18	136	1	*
JOHNSON	188	39	4	227	45	4	17
KEARNY	6	17	6	15	41	5	142
KINGMAN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
KIOWA	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LABETTE	90	63	2	90	64	2	1
LANE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LEAVENWORTH	94	40	4	92	38	5	-4
LINCOLN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LINN	10	27	5	10	27	6	0
LOGAN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LYON	60	33	4	80	43	4	31
MARION	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MARSHALL	20	32	4	20	31	6	-2
MCPHERSON	20	19	5	60	56	3	194
MEADE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MIAMI	40	44	3	40	42	5	-4
MITCHELL	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MONTGOMERY	126	40	4	136	44	4	9
MORRIS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MORTON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
NEMAHA	40	71	1	40	70	2	0
NEOSHO	48	51	2	48	52	3	2
NESS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
NORTON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
OSAGE	20	29	5	20	29	6	0
OSBORNE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0

COUNTY	BASE YEAR - 1992 - 93 HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	BASE YEAR - 1992 - 93 AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	BASE YEAR - 1992 - 93 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
PAWNEE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
PHILLIPS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
POTTAWATOMIE	39	56	2	38	53	3	-5
PRATT	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
RAWLINS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
RENO	83	26	5	113	35	5	37
REPUBLIC	0	0	10	17	61	2	*
RICE	0	0	10	18	20	6	*
RILEY	115	29	5	150	37	5	28
ROOKS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
RUSH	5	27	5	8	44	4	62
RUSSELL	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
SALINE	77	26	5	102	35	5	32
SCOTT	8	168	1	12	260	1	54
SEDGWICK	855	33	4	918	35	5	5
SEWARD	0	0	10	70	33	5	*
SHAWNEE	385	53	2	411	57	2	6
SHERIDAN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
SHERMAN	24	43	3	24	44	4	2
SMITH	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
STAFFORD	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
STANTON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
STEVENS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
SUMNER	60	80	1	75	98	1	22
THOMAS	8	14	6	17	31	6	126
TREGO	5	67	1	5	67	2	1
WABAUNSEE	18	70	1	15	58	2	-17
WALLACE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
WASHINGTON	13	58	2	15	71	1	23
WICHITA	6	49	3	6	49	3	1
WILSON	35	53	2	40	62	2	17
WOODSON	10	45	3	10	45	4	-1
WYANDOTTE	707	45	3	749	48	4	7
KANSAS	4,563	35		5,413	42		18

Head Start data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Population data are extrapolated from U. S. Census. Positive percentage changes indicate improvement. An * indicates the Head Start Program is new for this county in 1994 and calculation of percent change from base years is not possible.

CHILD CARE AVAILABILITY

Child care availability is measured as the number of licensed day care slots available for every 100 children under age 13. This is the first year for this indicator which we feel will be a useful additional measure reflecting early childhood care and education. State and county scores on this measure for Kansas can be evaluated on the basis of national experience that 25 child care slots per 100 children under 13 is sufficient to meet demand for that care. As a state, we are slightly below that benchmark with only 23 slots available for every 100 children under age 13.

Only 24 Kansas counties currently exceed the standard of 25 slots available for every 100 children. It is our hope that the identification of under served counties in this publication will serve to stimulate the expansion of existing and creation of new child care facilities in these counties. In future years we will be able to track these changes using the current 1994 data as the base year.

COUNTY	TOTAL CHILDCARE CAPACITY	CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1994 CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK
ALLEN	660	23	4
ANDERSON	156	11	10
ATCHISON	598	19	6
BARBER	176	15	9
BARTON	1,220	20	5
BOURBON	401	14	9
BROWN	572	25	3
BUTLER	2,460	21	5
CHASE	68	12	9
CHAUTAUQUA	84	11	10
CHEROKEE	668	17	7
CHEYENNE	105	20	6
CLARK	92	20	5
CLAY	512	30	1
CLOUD	582	32	1
COFFEY	379	24	3
COMANCHE	113	27	2
COWLEY	1,467	20	5
CRAWFORD	1,185	19	6
DECATUR	186	24	3
DICKINSON	1,079	31	1
DONIPHAN	154	11	10
DOUGLAS	3,988	28	2
EDWARDS	128	19	6
ELK	32	7	10
ELLIS	1,521	30	2
ELLSWORTH	198	18	7
FINNEY	1,425	14	9
FORD	1,558	24	3
FRANKLIN	1,080	22	4
GEARY	1,270	17	8
GOVE	128	22	4
GRAHAM	168	26	3

COUNTY	CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1994 TOTAL CHILDCARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK
GRANT	401	21	5
GRAY	232	17	7
GREELEY	82	18	7
GREENWOOD	209	16	8
HAMILTON	84	19	6
HARPER	306	23	4
HARVEY	1,499	24	3
HASKELL	140	15	9
HODGEMAN	74	15	8
JACKSON	543	22	4
JEFFERSON	658	20	5
JEWELL	74	10	10
JOHNSON	26,128	33	1
KEARNY	176	16	8
KINGMAN	210	13	9
KIOWA	216	34	1
LABETTE	1,183	27	2
LANE	88	18	7
LEAVENWORTH	1,764	13	9
LINCOLN	122	20	5
LINN	146	10	10
LOGAN	134	23	4
LYON	1,286	18	7
MARION	525	23	4
MARSHALL	249	10	10
MCPHERSON	1,118	20	6
MEADE	152	19	6
MIAMI	1,015	21	5
MITCHELL	305	24	3
MONTGOMERY	1,358	19	6
MORRIS	184	16	8
MORTON	132	18	7
NEMAHA	519	23	4
NEOSHO	908	29	2
NESS	68	9	10
NORTON	280	31	1
OSAGE	894	30	2
OSBORNE	216	27	2

COUNTY	CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1994 TOTAL CHILDCARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK
OTTAWA	296	27	2
PAWNEE	384	29	2
PHILLIPS	223	19	6
POTTAWATOMIE	741	19	6
PRATT	478	26	3
RAWLINS	84	13	9
RENO	2,676	23	4
REPUBLIC	191	18	6
RICE	296	14	9
RILEY	2,003	17	8
ROOKS	286	25	3
RUSH	150	25	3
RUSSELL	390	30	2
SALINE	3,214	33	1
SCOTT	308	30	2
SEDGWICK	19,560	22	4
SEWARD	715	15	8
SHAWNEE	9,758	31	1
SHERIDAN	102	18	7
SHERMAN	296	22	4
SMITH	159	21	5
STAFFORD	188	17	7
STANTON	90	16	8
STEVENS	163	14	9
SUMNER	921	16	8
THOMAS	552	32	1
TREGO	102	15	8
WABAUNSEE	250	18	7
WALLACE	42	11	10
WASHINGTON	380	34	1
WICHITA	96	15	9
WILSON	350	20	5
WOODSON	30	4	10
WYANDOTTE	5,975	18	7
KANSAS	119,540	23	

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Childcare capacity includes the number of Registered Day Care Homes, Licensed Day Care Homes, Group Day Care Homes, Child Care Centers, and Preschools as of June, 1994. Population data represent the number of children under age 13 and are extrapolated from the U.S. Census.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

The percentage of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education or training held steady in 1992 and 1993 at 74 percent. This continues to represent a significant increase over the rate for the previous five years. It is too early to tell if this five year trend toward higher percentages is now leveling off.

Wide variations can be found across the state on this indicator. In some counties 80 to 90 percent of the high school graduates were enrolled in training or post-secondary education within six months of graduation from high school. In other counties, however, rates dip into the 50 and 60 percent range. These wide variations which cut across urban/rural boundaries seem difficult to justify on the basis of community or individual needs alone. In today's job market, some type of post-secondary training is increasingly necessary for all but the lowest paying positions.

	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92			CURRENT YEAR 1993			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	116	68	8	115	73	7	8
ANDERSON	57	64	9	65	69	9	7
ATCHISON	112	69	8	87	71	7	3
BARBER	54	78	3	43	77	5	-1
BARTON	226	75	5	233	76	5	2
BOURBON	118	70	7	150	81	3	15
BROWN	88	78	4	95	81	3	5
BUTLER	466	72	6	516	77	5	6
CHASE	24	66	9	31	76	6	15
CHAUTAUQUA	36	74	5	28	80	4	8
CHEROKEE	134	56	10	130	55	10	-2
CHEYENNE	37	84	1	35	88	1	4
CLARK	29	81	2	26	96	1	19
CLAY	77	73	6	71	71	8	-3
CLOUD	81	69	8	83	70	8	1
COFFEY	95	81	2	91	73	7	-10
COMANCHE	27	81	2	21	64	10	-22
COWLEY	295	72	7	297	75	6	4
CRAWFORD	245	71	7	231	71	8	1
DECATUR	37	78	3	31	86	1	11
DICKINSON	177	67	8	192	71	8	5
DONIPHAN	77	71	7	73	69	9	-3
DOUGLAS	413	64	10	473	74	6	16
EDWARDS	31	73	6	34	81	3	10
ELK	23	55	10	33	61	10	11
ELLIS	180	73	6	194	75	6	3
ELLSWORTH	64	74	6	57	68	9	-8
FINNEY	200	64	9	291	83	2	29
FORD	220	78	3	217	81	3	4
FRANKLIN	171	66	9	184	75	6	14
GEARY	157	53	10	183	70	9	32
GOVE	42	84	1	32	67	9	-20
GRAHAM	34	78	4	31	74	7	-5

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	CURRENT YEAR 1993 PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	CURRENT YEAR 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	60	72	6	53	70	8	-3
GRAY	62	81	2	49	75	6	-7
GREELEY	13	78	4	26	90	1	15
GREENWOOD	58	68	8	53	66	9	-2
HAMILTON	23	75	5	22	76	5	1
HARPER	59	70	7	79	79	4	12
HARVEY	251	72	6	245	68	9	-6
HASKELL	50	82	1	34	76	6	-8
HODGEMAN	23	82	2	27	87	1	6
JACKSON	105	69	8	101	70	8	1
JEFFERSON	160	64	9	166	71	7	11
JEWELL	34	83	1	35	73	7	-12
JOHNSON	3106	82	1	2937	81	3	-1
KEARNY	39	70	7	49	82	3	17
KINGMAN	80	76	4	93	82	3	8
KIOWA	37	79	2	33	77	5	-3
LABETTE	198	68	8	228	80	4	18
LANE	26	76	4	28	85	2	11
LEAVENWORTH	436	65	9	416	69	9	6
LINCOLN	28	73	6	44	79	5	8
LINN	84	64	10	72	63	10	-2
LOGAN	34	76	4	37	79	4	4
LYON	192	59	10	219	71	8	20
MARION	104	67	8	112	82	2	24
MARSHALL	138	75	5	134	77	5	3
MCPHERSON	197	74	5	234	81	4	9
MEADE	39	80	2	33	75	6	-6
MIAMI	162	65	9	173	75	6	15
MITCHELL	68	74	5	76	84	2	14
MONTGOMERY	273	68	8	252	70	8	3
MORRIS	42	63	10	44	62	10	-1
MORTON	43	72	7	43	73	7	2
NEMAHA	112	77	4	96	74	7	-4
NEOSHO	138	76	4	148	83	2	9
NESS	39	74	5	48	79	4	6
NORTON	65	78	3	65	76	5	-2
OSAGE	119	63	10	123	62	10	-2
OSBORNE	25	83	1	29	83	2	-1

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	CURRENT YEAR 1993 PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	CURRENT YEAR 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	54	71	7	57	79	4	11
PAWNEE	61	71	7	76	86	1	22
PHILLIPS	52	73	6	57	79	4	8
POTTAWATOMIE	156	70	7	153	71	7	2
PRATT	78	78	3	90	80	4	3
RAWLINS	30	78	3	32	86	1	11
RENO	420	65	9	414	69	9	6
REPUBLIC	56	80	2	60	82	3	3
RICE	84	76	4	96	72	7	-5
RILEY	369	82	2	417	89	1	9
ROOKS	64	75	5	74	83	2	11
RUSH	42	87	1	38	81	3	-7
RUSSELL	70	75	5	46	71	8	-6
SALINE	348	70	7	403	75	6	7
SCOTT	58	78	3	57	85	2	8
SEDGWICK	2160	63	10	2440	71	7	14
SEWARD	135	65	9	134	69	9	7
SHAWNEE	995	63	10	1080	71	8	12
SHERIDAN	36	86	1	25	81	4	-6
SHERMAN	59	80	2	67	84	2	5
SMITH	47	78	3	47	82	2	5
STAFFORD	48	79	3	53	84	2	7
STANTON	28	90	1	20	95	1	6
STEVENS	60	81	2	57	81	3	0
SUMNER	184	66	9	194	67	9	0
THOMAS	90	87	1	84	87	1	-1
TREGO	33	76	5	28	65	10	-14
WABAUNSEE	56	72	6	60	78	5	8
WALLACE	24	76	4	23	79	4	5
WASHINGTON	93	77	4	84	77	5	0
WICHITA	28	78	3	22	63	10	-20
WILSON	90	68	8	92	75	6	11
WOODSON	25	73	6	27	64	10	-12
WYANDOTTE	994	66	9	805	57	10	-13
KANSAS	17,988	70		18,441	74		6

Data provided by the Kansas Department of Education. Information is obtained from the annual survey of graduates conducted by the school districts 5-6 months after graduation. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE

A child born to a mother who does not have a high school degree can be exposed to greater risk from multiple sources. The pregnant mother without a high school degree is more likely to be a teen, to smoke during pregnancy and engage in other behaviors which could be detrimental to the child in utero, and less likely to get early and complete prenatal care. She is more likely to experience complications during pregnancy and at birth which could be detrimental to her unborn child resulting in low birth weight. Due to her lack of education she is more likely to live in poverty and expose her newborn child to the added dangers of growing up in poverty. Children of mothers without a high school degree are themselves less likely to experience academic success than those whose mothers have a high school degree.

Births to mothers with less than a high school degree declined slightly in Kansas both in actual numbers and as a percent of all births. In 1993 there were 6,465 births to mothers with less than a high school degree compared to 6,695 the previous year. This represented 16 percent of all births compared to 18 percent the previous year. Of the more populated counties, Riley, Montgomery, Labette, Geary, Cherokee, and Butler saw substantial decreases in the percentage of births to mothers with less than a high school degree. On the other hand, Coffey, Lyon, Seward, and Shawnee experienced substantial increases on this indicator. Finney, Gray, Kearny and Seward counties continue to stand out with rates more than twice the state rate. Wyandotte County, with less than 8 percent of all births statewide in 1993, had more than 15 percent of the births to mothers with less than a high school degree.

	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	# OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	38	20	8	22	13	5	-37
ANDERSON	21	21	9	18	19	8	-10
ATCHISON	42	18	7	40	19	7	2
BARBER	10	14	5	7	10	3	-26
BARTON	86	20	8	86	22	9	9
BOURBON	41	19	7	33	17	7	-11
BROWN	31	20	8	23	16	7	-18
BUTLER	96	14	5	83	11	4	-18
CHASE	5	14	5	5	16	6	12
CHAUTAUQUA	12	28	10	4	11	4	-59
CHEROKEE	83	29	10	67	24	9	-17
CHEYENNE	2	6	1	1	3	1	-49
CLARK	3	11	3	1	3	1	-73
CLAY	16	14	5	17	13	5	-12
CLOUD	15	13	4	11	10	3	-24
COFFEY	14	14	5	25	27	10	101
COMANCHE	4	14	5	2	7	2	-51
COWLEY	103	20	8	115	22	9	9
CRAWFORD	85	19	8	87	19	8	-2
DECATUR	3	8	2	3	10	3	22
DICKINSON	40	16	6	34	13	5	-18
DONIPHAN	18	19	7	15	16	7	-14
DOUGLAS	100	9	2	103	10	3	6
EDWARDS	10	25	9	12	29	10	17
ELK	7	20	8	5	18	7	-11
ELLIS	18	6	1	15	5	1	-10
ELLSWORTH	7	10	3	4	7	2	-34
FINNEY	295	38	10	332	39	10	3
FORD	169	31	10	206	36	10	18
FRANKLIN	65	19	8	68	20	8	2
GEARY	185	16	6	174	14	5	-13
GOVE	3	7	1	5	19	8	164
GRAHAM	4	10	2	0	0	1	-100

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COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVERAGE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	50	39	10	57	47	10	18
GRAY	22	28	10	20	25	9	-11
GREELEY	5	19	7	3	13	5	-35
GREENWOOD	14	17	7	18	24	9	39
HAMILTON	6	18	7	3	10	4	-43
HARPER	15	17	7	10	11	4	-34
HARVEY	64	16	6	59	14	5	-8
HASKELL	21	29	10	22	29	10	-1
HODGEMAN	3	11	3	1	4	1	-65
JACKSON	18	12	4	22	15	6	27
JEFFERSON	22	11	3	14	8	2	-33
JEWELL	5	13	4	5	15	6	19
JOHNSON	312	6	1	330	6	1	5
KEARNY	25	34	10	27	41	10	22
KINGMAN	13	13	4	15	15	6	18
KIOWA	8	17	7	4	9	3	-48
LABETTE	78	24	9	58	19	8	-19
LANE	3	11	3	3	10	4	-8
LEAVENWORTH	118	14	5	107	13	5	-5
LINCOLN	3	9	2	2	6	2	-31
LINN	16	16	6	9	10	4	-35
LOGAN	4	10	3	2	6	1	-45
LYON	107	20	9	127	26	9	27
MARION	18	12	4	24	15	6	21
MARSHALL	16	12	4	20	18	7	57
MCPHERSON	57	16	6	53	15	6	-2
MEADE	9	14	5	10	16	6	11
MIAMI	45	14	5	45	15	6	8
MITCHELL	8	9	2	5	7	2	-30
MONTGOMERY	141	28	9	96	23	9	-16
MORRIS	12	16	6	12	15	6	-5
MORTON	11	27	9	15	34	10	29
NEMAHA	7	5	1	9	8	2	50
NEOSHO	43	19	8	40	20	9	5
NESS	3	8	2	6	16	6	98
NORTON	5	8	1	5	8	2	-2
OSAGE	27	13	4	20	10	3	-27
OSBORNE	5	9	2	6	13	5	45

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1988 - 92 AVERAGE # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HSD	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	7	11	3	6	11	4	0
PAWNEE	11	13	4	14	17	7	29
PHILLIPS	8	10	3	8	14	5	33
POTTAWATOMIE	25	10	3	16	7	2	-34
PRATT	21	18	7	23	19	8	8
RAWLINS	4	9	2	2	6	1	-35
RENO	164	20	9	155	20	8	0
REPUBLIC	5	7	1	3	5	1	-37
RICE	22	16	6	18	15	5	-9
RILEY	72	8	2	57	6	2	-22
ROOKS	8	10	3	10	14	5	41
RUSH	5	13	4	6	17	7	28
RUSSELL	13	17	6	9	13	5	-20
SALINE	106	14	5	118	15	6	8
SCOTT	13	17	7	13	18	7	8
SEDGWICK	1463	20	8	1499	20	8	2
SEWARD	151	39	10	171	45	10	16
SHAWNEE	389	16	6	424	18	7	13
SHERIDAN	2	6	1	3	9	3	56
SHERMAN	21	21	9	18	21	9	3
SMITH	4	9	2	6	12	4	35
STAFFORD	8	13	4	11	21	9	65
STANTON	14	34	10	8	20	8	-42
STEVENS	16	20	8	22	27	9	34
SUMNER	60	17	6	45	12	4	-25
THOMAS	15	12	4	8	7	2	-42
TREGO	3	7	1	1	3	1	-63
WABAUNSEE	7	9	2	8	10	3	1
WALLACE	5	18	7	3	13	5	-30
WASHINGTON	5	7	1	13	17	7	137
WICHITA	8	21	9	6	13	5	-37
WILSON	29	23	9	24	20	8	-15
WOODSON	6	17	6	2	6	2	-62
WYANDOTTE	800	27	9	828	29	10	8
KANSAS	6,559	17		6,465	16		-6

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Negative percent change represents improvement.

STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

In 1993, nineteen percent of the students in Kansas did not graduate on time. While the high school graduation rate in Kansas still ranks in the top quartile of states on this measure, our rate and ranking have dropped in recent years.

The economic costs of not completing high school are high. In 1992 the unemployment rate for those who dropped out was nearly twice that of those who graduated from high school but did not go on to college. Among those employed full-time, the median income of high school dropouts was only half that of high school graduates. Clearly Kansas cannot afford to lose ground on this measure.

It would appear that we are slipping on this measure in many areas of the state. Seventeen different counties recorded drops of 10 or more percent in the graduation rate in 1993 compared to the average over the previous five years. In Wyandotte County alone, with the fourth largest graduation class in the state, the graduation rate in 1993 dropped 25 percent. Of the three larger counties (Johnson, Sedgwick and Shawnee) only Johnson County recorded an improvement in the 1993 graduation rate. On the positive side, eight counties - Chase, Comanche, Graham, Jewell, Nemaha, Norton, Rawlins, and Wallace - all graduated 100 percent of their 1993 class on time. Only one of these counties (Nemaha) had over 100 students in their graduating class.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 GRADUATION PERCENT	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER OF GRADUATES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 GRADUATION PERCENT	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	162	83	9	157	87	6	5
ANDERSON	79	86	8	94	89	5	4
ATCHISON	162	82	9	122	74	10	-10
BARBER	69	87	7	56	95	2	9
BARTON	287	84	9	305	92	4	9
BOURBON	159	83	9	185	96	2	16
BROWN	106	87	7	117	89	5	2
BUTLER	642	86	8	672	89	5	3
CHASE	39	89	6	41	100	1	12
CHAUTAUQUA	52	90	5	35	69	10	-24
CHEROKEE	238	81	9	238	76	9	-7
CHEYENNE	43	88	7	40	89	5	1
CLARK	33	95	2	27	90	4	-5
CLAY	107	89	6	100	91	4	3
CLOUD	100	89	6	119	97	2	9
COFFEY	121	95	2	124	90	4	-5
COMANCHE	27	99	1	33	100	1	1
COWLEY	390	74	10	396	83	8	12
CRAWFORD	351	85	8	325	78	9	-9
DECATUR	47	95	2	36	95	2	-1
DICKINSON	258	86	8	272	88	5	2
DONIPHAN	106	88	6	106	85	7	-3
DOUGLAS	551	80	9	638	88	6	9
EDWARDS	39	91	4	42	82	8	-10
ELK	40	85	8	54	96	2	13
ELLIS	233	92	3	259	90	5	-2
ELLSWORTH	98	96	1	84	87	7	-10
FINNEY	317	73	10	352	76	9	4
FORD	255	75	10	268	83	8	11
FRANKLIN	245	82	9	245	78	9	-5
GEARY	283	73	10	263	62	10	-15
GOVE	52	98	1	48	91	4	-8
GRAHAM	40	96	1	42	100	1	4

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 GRADUATION PERCENT	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER OF GRADUATES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 GRADUATION PERCENT	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	84	80	9	76	74	10	-8
GRAY	80	91	4	65	84	7	-7
GREELEY	24	93	3	29	94	3	0
GREENWOOD	91	94	3	80	93	3	-1
HAMILTON	28	88	7	29	94	3	7
HARPER	75	84	9	100	89	5	6
HARVEY	341	91	4	360	87	6	-4
HASKELL	66	91	4	45	87	7	-5
HODGEMAN	32	96	1	31	89	5	-8
JACKSON	137	91	4	145	88	6	-3
JEFFERSON	240	91	4	233	87	6	-5
JEWELL	52	98	1	48	100	1	2
JOHNSON	3478	87	7	3608	90	4	4
KEARNY	55	89	5	60	94	3	5
KINGMAN	100	92	4	113	90	4	-2
KIOWA	51	97	1	43	83	8	-15
LABETTE	276	80	10	285	86	7	7
LANE	32	87	7	33	87	6	0
LEAVENWORTH	719	89	6	604	83	8	-7
LINCOLN	39	88	6	56	98	1	11
LINN	107	92	4	115	80	9	-12
LOGAN	47	95	2	47	94	2	-1
LYON	352	83	9	309	71	10	-14
MARION	151	91	4	136	97	2	6
MARSHALL	142	88	7	173	93	3	6
MCPHERSON	266	86	7	290	89	5	3
MEADE	39	93	3	44	94	3	1
MIAMI	241	86	7	231	77	9	-11
MITCHELL	94	96	2	90	96	2	0
MONTGOMERY	384	74	10	358	73	10	-1
MORRIS	65	90	5	71	83	8	-9
MORTON	52	92	4	59	92	4	0
NEMAHA	127	98	1	130	100	1	2
NEOSHO	187	87	7	179	87	6	-1
NESS	53	96	2	61	92	3	-3
NORTON	85	94	3	85	100	1	6
OSAGE	185	88	6	198	93	3	6
OSBORNE	32	95	2	35	88	6	-8

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 GRADUATION PERCENT	BASE YEARS 1990 - 92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER OF GRADUATES	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 GRADUATION PERCENT	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	79	90	5	72	95	2	5
PAWNEE	91	90	5	88	83	8	-8
PHILLIPS	69	89	5	72	87	6	-3
POTTAWATOMIE	221	91	4	214	96	2	6
PRATT	106	88	7	112	85	7	-3
RAWLINS	35	95	2	37	100	1	6
RENO	612	82	9	602	80	9	-3
REPUBLIC	66	93	3	73	92	3	0
RICE	117	86	8	133	83	8	-3
RILEY	443	86	8	469	88	5	2
ROOKS	81	95	2	89	98	1	3
RUSH	48	93	3	47	84	7	-10
RUSSELL	84	90	5	65	77	9	-14
SALINE	476	85	8	536	94	3	10
SCOTT	76	90	5	67	83	8	-8
SEDGWICK	3530	76	10	3421	70	10	-8
SEWARD	222	76	10	194	76	9	0
SHAWNEE	1420	76	10	1530	74	10	-3
SHERIDAN	40	97	1	31	86	7	-11
SHERMAN	77	77	10	80	84	7	9
SMITH	59	94	3	57	84	8	-11
STAFFORD	62	89	6	63	77	9	-13
STANTON	37	98	1	21	70	10	-29
STEVENS	72	92	3	70	85	7	-8
SUMNER	284	89	6	291	87	6	-1
THOMAS	104	93	3	97	87	7	-6
TREGO	41	95	2	43	98	2	3
WABAUNSEE	69	86	8	77	91	4	6
WALLACE	33	90	5	29	100	1	11
WASHINGTON	118	95	2	109	88	6	-7
WICHITA	40	91	5	35	90	4	-1
WILSON	141	89	6	123	76	9	-14
WOODSON	37	89	6	42	91	4	3
WYANDOTTE	2016	84	8	1405	63	10	-25
KANSAS	25,346	84		24,943	81		-4

Data are from Kansas State Board of Education. Rates are the percentage of ninth graders who graduated four years later. Positive percent changes indicate improvement.

REPORTED CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT

This measure can be viewed as a proxy for the actual level of child maltreatment in the community. Child maltreatment is a breakdown in the normal functioning of the family that most people can agree requires special intervention to support the family and, in extreme cases which threaten the safety of the child, may require the removal of the child from the home. The child maltreatment rate can be viewed as both a demand for services and an outcome which should be directly affected by various services provided to children and families.

Unfortunately, the reported abuse/neglect rate is subject to fluctuations that are not tied directly to incidence of abuse/neglect in the community. National studies have indicated that less than half of the abused and neglected children in a community are known to child protective services. In Kansas, further problems exist with this measure as a result of faulty data collection at the state level. Problems with these data were noted in the 1994 *Kansas Kids Count Data Book*. In our judgment these problems have not been remedied in time for the 1995 book. We have therefore reluctantly decided not to print current data in this year's book for reported abuse/neglect. Because of the importance of this measure as an indicator of child well-being, we have reproduced in this book base data for the four most recent years for which we felt fairly reliable and valid data were available. It is our understanding and hope that new data systems being implemented by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services will result in accurate and reliable recording of reports and confirmations of abuse and neglect in time for the next publication of the *Kansas Kids Count Data Book*.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS 1987, 89 & 91 AVG NUMBER REPORTED CASES	BASE YEARS 1987, 89 & 91 REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	BASE YEARS 1987, 89 & 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER REPORTED CASES	CURRENT YEAR 1993 REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	CURRENT YEAR 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	111	27.7	6				
ANDERSON	64	30.8	7				
ATCHISON	108	23.1	4				
BARBER	38	24.4	5				
BARTON	305	38.5	8				
BOURBON	155	39.9	8				
BROWN	122	39.7	8				
BUTLER	368	25.2	5				
CHASE	12	15.3	3				
CHAUTAUQUA	10	9.7	2				
CHEROKEE	349	61.8	10				
CHEYENNE	33	42.2	9				
CLARK	17	28.5	6				
CLAY	78	33.3	7				
CLOUD	73	29.0	6				
COFFEY	109	47.7	9				
COMANCHE	7	12.4	2				
COWLEY	263	26.8	5				
CRAWFORD	443	53.4	10				
DECATUR	13	12.3	2				
DICKINSON	167	33.7	7				
DONIPHAN	56	26.2	5				
DOUGLAS	962	57.5	10				
EDWARDS	18	18.7	4				
ELK	14	19.9	4				
ELLIS	223	33.1	7				
ELLSWORTH	27	17.5	3				
FINNEY	458	40.5	9				
FORD	295	37.1	8				
FRANKLIN	288	46.8	9				
GEARY	407	45.2	9				
GOVE	2	1.7	1				
GRAHAM	28	29.7	6				

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 AVG. NUMBER REPORTED CASES	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER REPORTED CASES	CURRENT YEAR 1993 REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	CURRENT YEAR 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	59	23.8	5				
GRAY	19	11.0	2				
GREELEY	3	5.5	1				
GREENWOOD	46	24.7	5				
HAMILTON	2	3.7	1				
HARPER	71	39.5	8				
HARVEY	386	47.2	9				
HASKELL	12	9.7	2				
HODGEMAN	[redacted]	6.5	1				
JACKSON	59	17.7	4				
JEFFERSON	137	31.5	7				
JEWELL	12	11.6	2				
JOHNSON	1469	15.4	3				
KEARNY	10	7.1	1				
KINGMAN	76	33.1	7				
KIOWA	25	26.1	5				
LABETTE	235	37.4	8				
LANE	9	14.1	3				
LEAVENWORTH	681	39.7	8				
LINCOLN	11	12.6	2				
LINN	130	61.5	10				
LOGAN	10	12.6	2				
LYON	540	58.1	10				
MARION	107	35.4	7				
MARSHALL	43	13.8	3				
MCPHERSON	269	37.9	8				
MEADE	33	28.7	6				
MIAMI	290	44.5	9				
MITCHELL	22	11.4	2				
MONTGOMERY	321	32.0	7				
MORRIS	46	29.2	6				
MORTON	20	18.7	4				
NEMAHA	32	10.7	2				
NEOSHO	157	35.6	7				
NESS	8	7.5	1				
NORTON	38	28.5	6				
OSAGE	223	54.1	10				
OSBORNE	25	21.0	4				
OTTAWA	32	22.3	4				
PAWNEE	86	43.9	9				
PHILLIPS	49	29.8	6				
POTTAWATOMIE	140	29.5	6				
PRATT	82	32.8	7				
RAWLINS	13	14.2	3				
RENO	822	51.7	10				
REPUBLIC	25	16.6	3				
RICE	46	16.4	3				
RILEY	424	29.3	6				
ROOKS	29	17.8	4				
RUSH	24	26.8	5				
RUSSELL	39	21.4	4				
SALINE	302	23.3	5				
SCOTT	14	9.1	1				
SEDGWICK	4280	38.2	8				
SEWARD	318	54.1	10				
SHAWNEE	1229	29.5	6				
SHERIDAN	3	3.7	1				
SHERMAN	109	59.4	10				
SMITH	28	24.8	5				
STAFFORD	52	37.4	8				
STANTON	13	17.3	3				
STEVENS	31	19.7	4				
SUMNER	237	31.7	7				
THOMAS	46	19.7	4				
TREGO	2	1.8	1				
WABAUNSEE	27	15.0	3				
WALLACE	21	40.2	9				
WASHINGTON	14	7.9	1				
WICHITA	9	10.3	2				
WILSON	109	41.3	9				
WOODSON	40	40.0	9				
WYANDOTTE	3058	66.4	10				
KANSAS	23,005	34.8					

Rates are per 1,000 children under age 18. Base years are 1987-89 and 1991. Data were not available for 1990.

CONFIRMED CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT

To gain a more complete picture of the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Kansas, the *Kids Count Data Book* has in the past obtained data for both reports and confirmations of abuse and neglect from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. All reports of abuse and neglect are not true. At the same time, the failure to confirm a report upon investigation does not necessarily mean that there has been no abuse or neglect or that there is not a risk that abuse or neglect will occur. Nationwide, around 40 percent of reports are confirmed. In Kansas this number is much smaller with only about 12 percent of reports being confirmed historically. Many cases not confirmed, both in Kansas and in other states, are referred for family services.

As described under the indicator "Reported Child Abuse/Neglect," problems have existed in the statewide reporting system for child abuse/neglect for several years. In our view, these problems were too severe with the 1993 data to warrant publishing current rates for the state or individual counties. Because of the importance of these indicators in judging the well-being of children in Kansas, we have included data reported in previous years for base years which we believe to be fairly accurate. It is our expectation that we will be able to provide accurate data on reports and confirmations of abuse/neglect in future editions of the *Kansas Kids Count Data Book*.

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 AVG. NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CURRENT YEAR 1993 CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	CURRENT YEAR 1993 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	12	3.0	4				
ANDERSON	14	6.8	9				
ATCHISON	11	2.4	4				
BARBER	5	2.9	4				
BARTON	30	3.8	6				
BOURBON	15	3.7	6				
BROWN	16	5.1	8				
BUTLER	51	3.5	5				
CHASE	1	1.7	3				
CHAUTAUQUA	2	1.5	2				
CHEROKEE	65	11.6	10				
CHEYENNE	4	4.5	7				
CLARK	3	4.1	6				
CLAY	17	7.4	10				
CLOUD	13	5.3	8				
COFFEY	17	7.3	10				
COMANCHE	3	5.3	8				
COWLEY	31	3.1	5				
CRAWFORD	83	10.0	10				
DECATUR	4	3.6	6				
DICKINSON	19	3.9	6				
DONIPHAN	7	3.3	5				
DOUGLAS	90	5.4	8				
EDWARDS	5	4.8	7				
ELK	1	1.4	2				
ELLIS	38	5.6	9				
ELLSWORTH	3	1.6	3				
FINNEY	33	2.9	4				
FORD	31	3.8	6				
FRANKLIN	21	3.4	5				
GEARY	55	6.1	9				
GOVE	0	.3	1				
GRAHAM	5	5.7	9				

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 AVG. NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	5	2.1	4				
GRAY	2	1.0	2				
GREELEY	0	.5	1				
GREENWOOD	4	2.0	3				
HAMILTON	1	.8	1				
HARPER	16	8.9	10				
HARVEY	61	7.4	10				
HASKELL	2	1.6	3				
HODGEMAN	0	0.0	1				
JACKSON	7	2.0	3				
JEFFERSON	15	3.4	5				
JEWELL	4	3.4	5				
JOHNSON	185	1.9	3				
KEARNY	1	.7	1				
KINGMAN	12	5.2	8				
KIOWA	8	8.4	10				
LABETTE	24	3.9	6				
LANE	1	1.5	2				
LEAVENWORTH	75	4.3	7				
LINCOLN	1	1.1	2				
LINN	14	6.4	9				
LOGAN	3	3.4	5				
LYON	46	4.9	7				
MARION	12	4.0	6				
MARSHALL	4	1.1	2				
MCPHERSON	19	2.6	4				
MEADE	1	1.1	2				
MIAMI	24	3.6	6				
MITCHELL	4	2.1	4				
MONTGOMERY	52	5.2	8				
MORRIS	8	5.3	8				
MORTON	7	6.1	9				
NEMAHA	4	1.3	2				
NEOSHO	31	7.0	9				
NESS	1	.7	1				
NORTON	3	1.9	3				
OSAGE	19	4.5	7				
OSBORNE	5	4.2	7				

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987 - 89 & 91 AVG. NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1993 NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	8	5.2	8				
PAWNEE	15	7.7	10				
PHILLIPS	4	2.3	4				
POTTAWATOMIE	23	4.8	7				
PRATT	18	7.1	10				
RAWLINS	1	.8	1				
RENO	89	5.6	9				
REPUBLIC	3	1.7	3				
RICE	3	1.1	2				
RILEY	46	3.2	5				
ROOKS	5	2.8	4				
RUSH	5	5.1	7				
RUSSELL	7	3.6	5				
SALINE	88	6.7	9				
SCOTT	2	1.0	2				
SEDGWICK	438	3.9	6				
SEWARD	41	7.0	9				
SHAWNEE	189	4.5	7				
SHERIDAN	0	0.0	1				
SHERMAN	10	5.4	8				
SMITH	4	3.5	5				
STAFFORD	13	9.3	10				
STANTON	4	5.0	7				
STEVENS	7	4.2	6				
SUMNER	41	5.4	8				
THOMAS	5	2.0	3				
TREGO	0	.3	1				
WABAUNSEE	3	1.5	3				
WALLACE	2	2.8	4				
WASHINGTON	1	.6	1				
WICHITA	1	1.4	2				
WILSON	14	5.1	7				
WOODSON	3	2.5	4				
WYANDOTTE	301	6.5	9				
KANSAS	2,761	4.2					

Rates are per 1,000 children under age 18. Base years are 1987-89 and 1991. Data were not available for 1990.

OUT - OF - HOME PLACEMENT

The out-of-home placement rate is the number of children living apart from their parents and in the custody of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services per 1000 children age 18 and under. Both the number of children and the state rate for 1993 held steady compared to the previous year. However, over the past six years this rate has increased substantially. It is too early to tell if this year's findings represent a trend towards steady or declining placement rates.

While comparisons across states on this measure can be difficult and subject to different interpretations, there is concern about possible overuse of this intervention and its impact on children, families and the state budget. Certainly it is hard to justify the wide variation that appears within our state on this measure. The placement rate in Wyandotte County is almost three times the state rate and more than twice the rate of Sedgwick County. Sumner County has a rate almost twice that of the state rate. If the placement rate in Wyandotte County alone could be reduced in the next year to the current state rate, the rate for the entire state would drop 13 percent!

Five counties have been excluded from this year's reports because it was discovered that children in placement were incorrectly allocated among these counties. It is our intent to assign children to the county of their family's residence. Careful review of these data provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services has revealed that this may not always be how the data are recorded. Users of these data are advised to review data for their county with care and to contact the Kansas Kids Count project if they have any questions. Steps have been taken to remedy this problem for next year's out-of-home placement data.

	BASE YEARS - 1989 - 92			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	41	9.7	9	63	15.4	10	59
ANDERSON	5	2.2	2	3	1.5	1	-34
ATCHISON	61	12.2	10	70	14.6	10	20
BARBER	9	5.4	4	7	4.4	4	-19
BARTON	65	7.8	7	56	7.0	5	-11
BOURBON	39	9.4	9	45	11.1	9	18
BROWN	25	7.8	7	23	7.3	6	-6
BUTLER	111	7.2	6	112	7.1	6	-1
CHASE	5	6.6	5	2	2.5	2	-61
CHAUTAUQUA	8	7.4	6	8	7.7	7	3
CHEROKEE	63	10.6	9	68	11.8	9	11
CHEYENNE	7	8.4	8	3	3.9	3	-54
CLARK	3	4.8	4	1	1.6	1	-66
CLAY	22	9.2	8	30	12.7	10	38
CLOUD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE						
COFFEY	9	3.6	3	9	4.0	3	10
COMANCHE	5	7.7	7	1	1.8	1	-77
COWLEY	87	8.4	8	71	6.9	5	-17
CRAWFORD	96	10.9	9	106	12.4	10	14
DECATUR	2	1.9	2	3	2.9	3	55
DICKINSON	28	5.4	4	26	5.2	4	-4
DONIPHAN	8	3.3	3	13	6.2	5	84
DOUGLAS	174	9.1	8	239	12.2	9	33
EDWARDS	7	7.5	6	7	7.5	6	0
ELK	12	16.3	10	14	20.3	10	25
ELLIS	45	6.2	5	54	7.7	6	23
ELLSWORTH	6	3.7	3	4	2.5	2	-32
FINNEY	103	8.6	8	92	7.1	6	-18
FORD	55	6.4	5	74	8.5	7	32
FRANKLIN	46	7.1	6	69	10.7	9	50
GEARY	83	8.8	8	88	9.3	8	6
GOVE	2	2.2	2	6	7.1	6	221
GRAHAM	9	9.7	9	12	13.3	10	37

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989 - 92 AVERAGE # IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	8	3.2	3	10	3.9	3	21
GRAY	1	.7	1	1	.5	1	-21
GREELEY	2	3.5	3	5	8.9	8	152
GREENWOOD	25	12.9	10	21	11.1	9	-14
HAMILTON	7	11.3	9	7	11.2	9	0
HARPER	23	12.1	10	13	7.0	6	-42
HARVEY	51	5.9	5	64	7.5	6	26
HASKELL	6	4.5	4	1	.8	1	-83
HODGEMAN	0	.4	1	0	0.0	1	-100
JACKSON	7	2.0	2	8	2.4	2	21
JEFFERSON	24	5.2	4	21	4.7	4	-11
JEWELL	DATA NOT AVAILABLE						
JOHNSON	241	2.4	2	214	2.0	2	-15
KEARNY	10	6.8	6	13	9.0	8	32
KINGMAN	13	5.2	4	11	4.7	4	-10
KIOWA	10	9.5	9	9	9.2	8	-3
LABETTE	54	8.1	7	53	8.4	7	3
LANE	2	2.2	2	1	1.5	1	-32
LEAVENWORTH	78	4.3	4	83	4.6	4	5
LINCOLN	2	2.5	2	6	6.8	5	174
LINN	7	3.2	3	9	4.1	3	30
LOGAN	1	.9	1	0	0.0	1	-100
LYON	89	8.9	8	70	7.0	6	-21
MARION	15	4.6	4	7	2.2	2	-52
MARSHALL	8	2.6	2	14	4.4	4	71
MCPHERSON	50	6.7	6	45	6.0	5	-11
MEADE	7	5.4	5	9	7.7	7	43
MIAMI	40	5.8	5	30	4.4	4	-25
MITCHELL	DATA NOT AVAILABLE						
MONTGOMERY	80	7.6	7	75	7.4	6	-3
MORRIS	13	8.0	7	13	8.1	7	1
MORTON	14	12.3	10	12	11.1	9	-10
NEMAHA	8	2.5	2	9	3.0	3	19
NEOSHO	20	4.4	4	23	5.2	5	19
NESS	1	1.1	1	3	2.8	3	146
NORTON	8	5.8	5	11	8.4	7	45
OSAGE	18	4.1	4	20	4.7	4	16
OSBORNE	11	8.9	8	4	3.5	3	-61

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989 - 92 AVERAGE # IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	DATA NOT AVAILABLE						
PAWNEE	17	8.2	7	8	4.0	3	-52
PHILLIPS	14	8.4	8	16	9.8	8	17
POTTAWATOMIE	19	3.8	3	16	3.1	3	-18
PRATT	24	9.2	9	11	4.2	4	-54
RAWLINS	2	1.6	1	2	2.3	2	41
RENO	189	11.3	10	217	13.4	10	19
REPUBLIC	DATA NOT AVAILABLE						
RICE	23	7.7	7	32	11.3	9	46
RILEY	63	3.8	4	71	4.4	4	14
ROOKS	4	2.4	2	16	10.2	8	322
RUSH	5	5.7	5	2	2.3	2	-60
RUSSELL	14	7.4	6	10	5.7	5	-23
SALINE	112	8.3	7	139	10.4	9	26
SCOTT	12	7.3	6	13	8.6	7	18
SEDGWICK	927	7.9	7	1283	10.7	9	36
SEWARD	66	10.7	9	58	9.2	8	-14
SHAWNEE	460	10.5	9	537	12.4	10	18
SHERIDAN	3	2.8	3	2	2.4	2	-15
SHERMAN	25	13.2	10	16	8.8	8	-33
SMITH	7	5.5	5	9	8.1	7	46
STAFFORD	11	7.3	6	14	9.8	8	33
STANTON	1	.6	1	2	2.6	2	304
STEVENS	12	7.6	7	10	6.1	5	-19
SUMNER	108	13.8	10	128	16.1	10	17
THOMAS	21	8.6	8	17	7.0	6	-19
TREGO	11	10.8	9	6	6.3	5	-42
WABAUNSEE	4	2.0	2	5	2.7	2	36
WALLACE	3	5.4	5	1	1.9	1	-66
WASHINGTON	2	1.1	1	3	1.8	1	61
WICHITA	7	7.2	6	7	8.1	7	12
WILSON	21	7.5	6	22	8.5	7	14
WOODSON	4	3.4	3	1	1.0	1	-71
WYANDOTTE	1045	21.8	10	1147	24.6	10	13
KANSAS	5463	7.8		6127	8.8		13

Data are from Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census. Data are for children in SRS custody only. Rates are calculated per 1,000 children age 18 and under.

TEEN VIOLENT DEATH

The teen violent death rate measures deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents among youth ages 15 to 19. It would probably surprise many people to know that in 1991 the teen violent death rate in Kansas was higher than the rates of two-thirds of the states.

In 1993, the teen violent death rate actually declined somewhat from the previous year. However, the 1993 rate is still considerably higher than the average rate for the state over the previous five years.

There were 127 violent deaths of teens in 1993 for a rate of 78.9 per 100,000 teens ages 15 to 19. Because of the relatively low incidence of violent teen deaths and the small teen populations in many of the Kansas counties, data for individual counties should be interpreted with caution. Only four Kansas counties - Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte - had ten or more violent teen deaths in 1993. Of these four counties, only Wyandotte experienced a decline in the teen violent death rate relative to the previous five years. In smaller counties it is more helpful to look at the actual number of teen violent deaths rather than the rate. In our view, even a single teen violent death in a county which has not experienced any deaths for five years should be examined carefully to determine its causes and what steps can be taken to prevent future deaths and injuries to teens in the community.

	BASE YEARS 1988-92			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	AVE. # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	# OF TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	.6	56.6	2	0	+	+	+
ANDERSON	.6	114.1	7	2	436.1	9	282
ATCHISON	1.2	78.8	5	1	72.1	4	-8
BARBER	.2	63.4	3	0	+	+	+
BARTON	1.4	74.9	4	2	122.9	6	64
BOURBON	1.4	126.7	7	0	+	+	+
BROWN	1.0	142.9	8	0	+	+	+
BUTLER	3.4	95.3	5	3	88.0	4	-8
CHASE	.2	106.1	6	0	+	+	+
CHAUTAUQUA	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
CHEROKEE	1.8	116.6	7	2	139.6	7	20
CHEYENNE	.2	111.7	7	0	+	+	+
CLARK	.4	291.6	10	0	+	+	+
CLAY	.6	111.5	7	0	+	+	+
CLOUD	.4	46.7	2	0	+	+	+
COFFEY	.4	70.8	3	1	192.7	7	172
COMANCHE	.2	159.2	9	0	+	+	+
COWLEY	2.2	82.2	5	2	80.0	4	-3
CRAWFORD	3.8	147.9	8	2	86.5	4	-42
DECATUR	.2	101.1	6	0	+	+	+
DICKINSON	1.2	97.8	6	1	91.2	5	-7
DONIPHAN	.8	109.7	7	0	+	+	+
DOUGLAS	1.8	20.2	1	3	33.7	2	67
EDWARDS	.0	+	+	1	599.0	9	*
ELK	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
ELLIS	.6	28.2	1	1	52.8	3	87
ELLSWORTH	.4	100.3	6	0	+	+	+
FINNEY	1.8	70.7	3	0	.0	1	-100
FORD	3.0	137.2	8	4	190.9	7	39
FRANKLIN	.8	52.5	2	3	215.2	8	310
GEARY	2.2	103.7	6	2	110.1	6	6
GOVE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
GRAHAM	.6	290.7	10	0	+	+	+

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 AVE. # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	.4	73.4	4	0	+	+	+
GRAY	.0	+	+	1	267.9	8	*
GREELEY	.2	214.5	10	0	+	+	+
GREENWOOD	.6	117.3	7	0	+	+	+
HAMILTON	.0	+	+	1	768.2	10	*
HARPER	.2	51.5	2	0	+	+	+
HARVEY	.8	34.8	1	2	94.0	5	170
HASKELL	1.0	345.5	10	0	+	+	+
HODGEMAN	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
JACKSON	.8	100.0	6	0	+	+	+
JEFFERSON	1.2	115.3	7	1	105.2	6	-9
JEWELL	.4	176.4	9	0	+	+	+
JOHNSON	9.2	41.6	1	10	46.1	2	11
KEARNY	.6	202.0	9	0	+	+	+
KINGMAN	.8	148.7	8	1	208.9	8	40
KIOWA	.8	301.6	10	0	+	+	+
LABETTE	1.0	56.9	2	1	62.5	3	10
LANE	.2	157.6	8	0	+	+	+
LEAVENWORTH	4.2	103.3	6	2	51.9	2	-50
LINCOLN	.4	186.4	9	0	+	+	+
LINN	1.0	188.8	9	0	+	+	+
LOGAN	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
LYON	2.2	75.3	4	2	72.9	4	-3
MARION	.6	70.7	3	0	+	+	+
MARSHALL	.8	126.8	8	0	+	+	+
MCPHERSON	.4	21.1	1	1	58.3	3	176
MEADE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
MIAMI	1.8	108.6	6	2	128.0	6	18
MITCHELL	.0	+	+	1	189.3	7	*
MONTGOMERY	2.4	86.6	5	0	0	1	+
MORRIS	1.0	265.7	10	0	+	+	+
MORTON	.2	77.2	4	1	395.7	9	413
NEMAHA	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
NEOSHO	1.0	88.3	5	0	+	+	+
NESS	.2	96.8	5	0	+	+	+
NORTON	.6	159.2	9	5	1483.3	10	832
OSAGE	.4	40.1	1	0	+	+	+
OSBORNE	.2	78.6	4	0	+	+	+

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 AVE. # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	BASE YEARS - 1988-92 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 # OF TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	.2	65.3	3	0	+	+	+
PAWNEE	1.0	176.8	9	0	+	+	+
PHILLIPS	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
POTTAWATOMIE	.8	72.0	4	1	93.6	5	30
PRATT	.4	57.4	2	0	+	+	+
RAWLINS	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
RENO	3.6	83.3	5	1	25.6	2	-69
REPUBLIC	.2	60.9	2	0	+	+	+
RICE	.0	+	+	2	329.3	8	*
RILEY	1.6	21.2	1	1	13.9	2	-34
ROOKS	.6	171.2	9	0	+	+	+
RUSH	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
RUSSELL	.0	+	+	3	830.8	10	+
SALINE	2.4	72.8	4	2	68.3	3	-6
SCOTT	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
SEDGWICK	18.8	72.1	4	25	101.8	5	41
SEWARD	1.2	86.6	5	0	.0	1	-100
SHAWNEE	6.4	60.7	2	15	154.5	7	154
SHERIDAN	.2	104.1	6	0	+	+	+
SHERMAN	1.0	199.5	9	0	+	+	+
SMITH	.4	140.8	8	0	+	+	+
STAFFORD	.2	69.2	3	0	+	+	+
STANTON	.2	127.5	8	0	+	+	+
STEVENS	1.0	289.8	10	0	+	+	+
SUMNER	1.2	68.7	3	0	.0	1	-100
THOMAS	.6	78.5	4	0	+	+	+
TREGO	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WABAUNSEE	.2	44.9	1	0	+	+	+
WALLACE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WASHINGTON	.2	45.3	2	0	+	+	+
WICHITA	.4	228.9	10	1	671.4	10	193
WILSON	.4	61.3	3	3	514.6	9	739
WOODSON	.0	+	+	1	496.6	9	*
WYANDOTTE	13.0	113.9	7	11	107.0	6	-6
KANSAS	125	72.4		127	78.9		9.0

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The base years consist of the average of years 1988 through 1992. Teen violent death rates represent the number of violent deaths per 100,000 children age 15-19. Negative change scores indicate improvement. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

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JUVENILE ARRESTS

Juvenile arrest rates are calculated for all types of offenses per 1,000 children and youths under the age of 18. This rate has been reported in previous books as rising steadily from 1980 through 1992. In 1993, the rate remained steady at 38 arrests per 1000 children and youth.

While being arrested is certainly a negative outcome for a young person, and juvenile crime is a concern for many citizens, caution must be exercised in interpreting this measure. Differences in these rates over time and across counties may reflect changes in police activity or public policy rather than differences in juvenile behaviors. This is why we have labeled the domain under which this indicator falls both "social behavior and social control."

Rates continue to vary widely across Kansas and trends are hard to identify. Wyandotte County experienced a 16 percent decline in the arrest rate in 1993 and dropped below the state rate. More than offsetting this decrease, Johnson, Shawnee and Sedgwick counties saw a 16 percent increase. All of these counties now have rates well above the state rate. Saline County saw a huge 62 percent increase in its arrest rate which skyrocketed to 124 arrests per 1000 children and youths in the county. However, this rate, at over three times the state rate, is not the highest in the state. That distinction goes to Finney County who, with a 34 percent increase in 1993, had 130 arrests for every 1000 children and youth in the county.

	BASE YEARS - 1986-92			CURRENT YEAR - 1993			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	78	19	7	27	7	5	-66
ANDERSON	29	14	6	36	17	7	19
ATCHISON	152	32	8	17	4	4	-89
BARBER	1	0	1	0	0	3	-100
BARTON	271	34	8	210	26	8	-24
BOURBON	114	29	8	247	63	10	116
BROWN	52	17	6	38	12	6	-28
BUTLER	293	20	7	237	17	7	-17
CHASE	12	16	6	0	0	3	-100
CHAUTAUQUA	15	14	6	0	0	3	-100
CHEROKEE	109	19	6	85	15	6	-23
CHEYENNE	2	2	3	1	1	3	-42
CLARK	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
CLAY	12	5	3	10	4	4	-20
CLOUD	73	28	8	50	19	7	-34
COFFEY	18	8	4	56	24	8	198
COMANCHE	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
COWLEY	507	52	10	418	43	9	-18
CRAWFORD	189	23	7	250	30	8	30
DECATUR	1	1	2	0	0	3	-100
DICKINSON	194	39	9	169	33	9	-15
DONIPHAN	17	8	4	7	3	4	-60
DOUGLAS	525	32	8	366	23	7	-28
EDWARDS	2	2	2	0	0	3	-100
ELK	4	5	3	16	21	7	316
ELLIS	234	35	8	230	34	9	-2
ELLSWORTH	31	20	7	40	25	8	28
FINNEY	1059	97	10	1322	130	10	34
FORD	353	45	10	331	43	9	-4
FRANKLIN	223	36	9	92	15	6	-59
GEARY	523	58	10	491	55	10	-5
GOVE	2	3	3	0	0	3	-100
GRAHAM	15	16	6	0	0	3	-100

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1990-92 AVERAGE NUMBER ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	21	9	5	67	27	8	216
GRAY	2	1	2	1	1	3	-39
GREELEY	1	2	2	0	0	3	-100
GREENWOOD	1	0	1	0	0	3	-100
HAMILTON	1	2	3	0	0	3	-100
HARPER	40	22	7	14	8	5	-65
HARVEY	166	20	7	359	44	9	116
HASKELL	1	1	2	2	2	4	100
HODGEMAN	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
JACKSON	9	3	3	21	6	5	122
JEFFERSON	33	8	4	31	7	5	-8
JEWELL	16	15	6	5	5	5	-70
JOHNSON	3275	35	9	3656	41	9	16
KEARNY	30	23	7	22	17	7	-25
KINGMAN	1	0	1	0	0	3	-100
KIOWA	6	7	4	0	0	3	-100
LABETTE	223	35	9	25	4	4	-89
LANE	4	7	4	0	0	3	-100
LEAVENWORTH	210	12	5	119	7	5	-42
LINCOLN	5	6	4	49	55	10	861
LINN	21	10	5	7	3	4	-67
LOGAN	13	16	6	11	13	6	-18
LYON	190	21	7	297	32	9	58
MARION	36	12	5	46	15	6	28
MARSHALL	36	12	5	45	14	6	24
MCPHERSON	98	14	6	103	15	6	6
MEADE	2	2	2	5	4	4	144
MIAMI	126	19	7	99	15	7	-21
MITCHELL	4	2	2	1	0	3	-76
MONTGOMERY	401	39	9	319	31	8	-22
MORRIS	69	44	9	32	20	7	-54
MORTON	3	3	3	1	1	3	-63
NEMAHA	19	6	4	14	5	4	-26
NEOSHO	102	23	7	5	1	3	-95
NESS	8	7	4	9	8	5	16
NORTON	37	28	8	48	34	9	23
OSAGE	33	8	4	51	12	6	51
OSBORNE	0	0	1	0	0	3	0

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1990-92 AVERAGE NUMBER ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1993 TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	14	9	5	24	16	7	73
PAWNEE	16	8	5	3	2	3	-81
PHILLIPS	1	1	2	19	11	6	1281
POTTAWATOMIE	72	15	6	51	11	6	-28
PRATT	159	64	10	90	36	9	-44
RAWLINS	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
RENO	998	62	10	1132	69	10	11
REPUBLIC	0	0	1	0	0	3	-100
RICE	43	15	6	13	5	5	-70
RILEY	518	36	9	505	35	9	-1
ROOKS	13	8	4	0	0	3	-100
RUSH	1	1	2	2	2	4	187
RUSSELL	80	43	9	102	53	10	24
SALINE	997	77	10	1622	124	10	62
SCOTT	40	25	8	43	27	8	5
SEDGWICK	5532	50	10	6313	58	10	16
SEWARD	345	59	10	411	72	10	21
SHAWNEE	1818	44	9	2122	51	10	16
SHERIDAN	3	4	3	0	0	3	-100
SHERMAN	94	50	10	55	28	8	-44
SMITH	1	1	2	0	0	3	-100
STAFFORD	12	9	5	11	8	5	-8
STANTON	6	8	5	2	3	4	-69
STEVENS	7	5	3	26	17	7	258
SUMNER	205	28	8	183	25	8	-9
THOMAS	88	38	9	89	38	9	0
TREGO	7	7	4	5	5	5	-27
WABAUNSEE	5	3	3	4	2	4	-26
WALLACE	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
WASHINGTON	20	11	5	0	0	3	-100
WICHITA	1	1	2	0	0	3	-100
WILSON	67	25	7	66	23	7	-5
WOODSON	33	33	8	11	11	6	-67
WYANDOTTE	1791	38	9	1534	32	8	-16
KANSAS	23,343	35		24,648	38		10

Arrest data are from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Arrest rates are calculated per 1,000 children. Population data are extrapolated from the U. S. Census. Negative percent change scores indicate improvement. Because of identical scores, "3" is the lowest decile rank. A decile rank of 3 indicates that the county performed in the top thirty percent of the state (see appendix).

COUNTY BY COUNTY STATISTICS

ALLEN

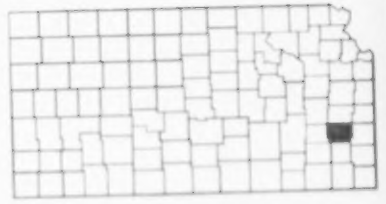
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.2	8.9	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.7	30.6	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	23.8	22.9	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	56.3	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.5	11.2	6	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.9	82.1	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.0	41.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	4.5	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	46.5	46.6	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		22.7	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.7	73.2	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.8	12.5	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.7	86.7	6	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	27.7				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.7	15.4	10	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	56.6	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.4	6.6	5	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	14,638	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.4%	88.4%
Black	1.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,426	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Iola



ALLEN COUNTY, located in southeast Kansas, has a median family income significantly below the state average and an unemployment rate of 5.8%. The state rate is 4.2%. Citizens in Allen County can be proud of the decrease in low birth weight babies, which declined by 30% from the base years and is well below the state average. Other areas in which the situation for children has improved in Allen County include the high school graduation rate and the juvenile arrest rate. Attention should be drawn to the immunization rate for 2 year olds in Allen County which has declined and is one of the worst in the state. The out-of-home placement rate is also extremely high, close to twice as high as the state rate. Of further concern is the infant mortality rate which increased 18% from the base years.

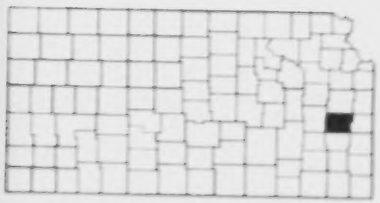
ANDERSON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,803	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.0%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	5.8%
Median Family Income	$25,914	$32,966
Unemployment (1990 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Garnett



ANDERSON COUNTY has a small, homogeneous population in which approximately 1 out of 4 people are under age 18. Anderson County has a remarkably low rate of births to single teens. At 4.4%, it is less than half the state rate. The percentage of students graduating from high school improved from the base years and exceeds the state rate. Of particular concern to young families in Allen County is the lack of availability of licensed child care coupled with the lack of a Head Start program. Although improving, less than half the two year olds in Anderson County are fully immunized, according to the most recent data available.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.3	4.4	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.6	26.2	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.8	17.3	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.8	127.6	9	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.2	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.7	83.5	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.3	46.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.5	4.4	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		10.8	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.4	69.1	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.1	18.9	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.6	88.7	5	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	30.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.2	1.5	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	114.1	436.1	9	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.0	16.7	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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ATCHISON

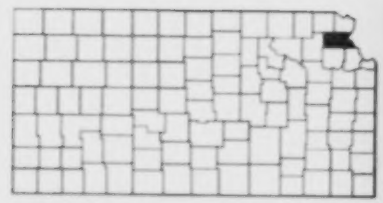
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.5	12.4	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	26.3	30.2	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.0	21.2	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.4	57.2	6	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.3	13.8	7	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.3	75.2	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.3	40.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	6.4	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	36.6	37.0	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.9	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.0	71.3	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.2	18.7	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.5	73.9	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.2	14.6	10	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	78.8	72.1	4	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.2	3.5	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	16,932	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.1%	88.4%
Black	5.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,772	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Atchison



ATCHISON COUNTY, whose county seat is Atchison, is located in northeast Kansas. An indicator of child well-being that is improving in Atchison County is the juvenile arrest rate which is extraordinarily low. The county's most pressing problems for children include a declining immunization rate, a 10% decline in the high school graduation rate and a 30% increase in the percent of births to single teens.

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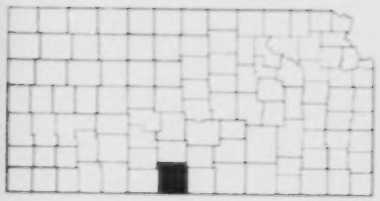
BARBER

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,874	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,577	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Medicine Lodge



BARBER COUNTY, located in south-central Kansas, has a relatively small, homogeneous population. The immunization rate for 2 year olds and the high school graduation rate are causes for pride in Barber County. Those with interest in Barber County's children will be particularly concerned with the percent of births to single teens which increased significantly from the base years. Also of concern is the lack of a Head Start program and the increase in the number of low birth weight babies.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.8	10.0	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	17.2	15.4	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	5.8	9.1	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	46.5	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	33.3	10	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.6	73.3	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.0	62.0	3	57.0	1989-91 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.3	8.3	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		14.7	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.9	76.8	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.7	10.1	3	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.5	94.9	2	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.4				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.9				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	4.4	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	63.4	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.4	.0	3	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

BARTON

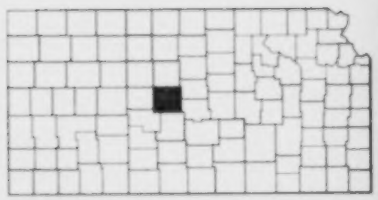
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.8	5.6	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.9	27.0	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.5	21.3	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.7	0	1	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.2	18.7	8	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	81.8	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.0	38.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	7.2	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	27.2	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.2	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.9	76.4	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.8	21.6	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.1	91.9	4	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	38.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.8	7.0	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	74.9	122.9	6	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.8	25.8	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	29,382	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.2%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,969	$32,066
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Great Bend



BARTON COUNTY has made significant gains for children with a 9% increase in births with prenatal care, a reduction in the number of juvenile arrests, and a 9% increase in the percent of students graduating from high school (nearly 92% in the current year). Also noteworthy is the introduction of a Head Start program in the county. Areas of concern include a jump in the infant mortality rate and a 30% decline in the immunization rate for 2 year olds.

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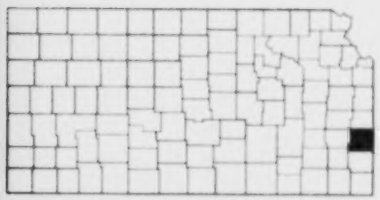
BOURBON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	14,966	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.2%	88.4%
Black	2.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,462	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Fort Scott



BOURBON COUNTY, located in southeast Kansas, has a median family income well below the state average. It is not surprising that thirty-five percent of the school children in Bourbon County are approved for free school meals. Citizens in Bourbon County can be proud that the percent of students graduating from high school climbed from 83% in the base years to 96% in the current year. The percent of births with early prenatal care climbed from 71% to 81% but has not yet reached the state average. Of concern is the immunization rate which decreased to below the state average. In addition, the juvenile arrest rate grew over 100%.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.4	10.2	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	29.3	35.0	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	26.4	25.8	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	32.6	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.0	21.5	8	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	70.7	80.6	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	46.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.4	5.9	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	31.6	31.5	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		13.9	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.4	81.1	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.1	17.0	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.8	95.9	2	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.9				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.4	11.1	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	126.7	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.2	63.2	10	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

BROWN

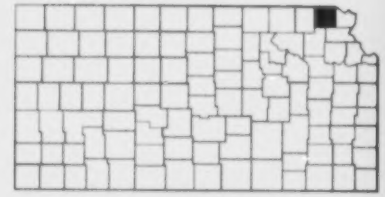
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.7	8.7	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	30.3	34.3	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	25.2	24.9	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	56.9	80.8	8	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.3	.0	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.0	80.4	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.7	52.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	5.1	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	43.7	55.6	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		25.0	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.6	81.2	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.7	16.2	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.2	88.6	5	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.8	7.3	6	8.8	1991-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	142.9	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.9	12.3	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,128	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	90.8%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	6.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,728	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Hiawatha



BROWN COUNTY, whose county seat is Hiawatha, has a median family income well below the state average. Six percent of the county's population identify themselves as American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut. Over 34% of the school children in Brown County are approved for free school meals. Brown County can celebrate the increase in its Head Start program and that no teen violent deaths were reported in 1993. Improvements in child well-being in Brown County might be focused in the areas of early prenatal care and immunizations.

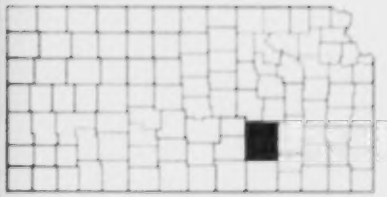
BUTLER

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	50,580	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	90.6%	88.4%
Black	0.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,137	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.5%	4.2%

County Seat: El Dorado



BUTLER COUNTY has a population of over 50,000 and a median family income which exceed's the state level. The unemployment rate rose from 2.4% in the base years to 5.5% in 1993. Butler County has much to celebrate. Head Start participation has increased, the immunization rate climbed to 61% in the current year and the high school graduation rate has reached 88.5%. Attention should be turned to the infant mortality rate which reached 11.5%, well over the state rate of 8.7%.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.2	8.2	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	12.8	16.4	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.5	15.7	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.3	24.3	4	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.9	11.5	6	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.3	89.5	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.5	61.0	4	57.0	1990-91 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	7.4	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	46.9	55.3	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		21.3	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.4	76.8	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.7	11.3	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.7	88.5	5	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	25.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.2	7.1	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	95.3	88.0	4	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	20.3	16.7	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

CHASE

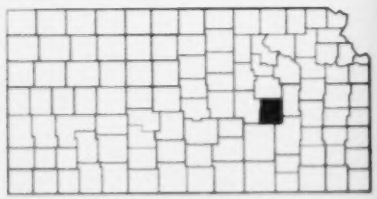
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	13.3	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.1	28.3	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.0	18.9	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	33.4	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.4	86.7	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.7	60.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.0	3.3	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		12.3	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	65.8	75.6	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.0	15.6	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.0	100.0	1	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.6	2.5	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	106.1	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.2	.0	3	38.0	1991-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,021	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.1%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,440	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Cottonwood Falls



CHASE COUNTY, whose county seat is Cottonwood Falls, has a median family income far below the state average. The unemployment rate is 6.0% in this very lightly populated county. Citizens in Chase County can be proud of the increases made in the immunization rate for two year olds and in the decrease in the percent of low birth weight babies. Gains were made in education as well with a 15% increase in the percent of graduates pursuing more education and training and a 12% increase in the high school graduation rate. Of concern is the jump in the percent of births to single teens. The lack of both a Head Start program as well as other licensed child care is a concern for young Chase County families.

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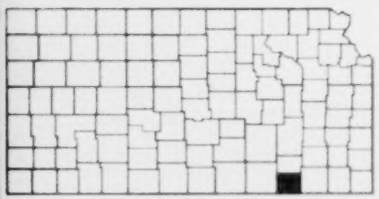
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,407	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.9%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	3.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$21,426	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.2%	4.2%

County Seat: Sedan



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, located in southeast Kansas, has only 23% of its population under the age of 18. Its median family income is over $10,000 less than the state level. It is, therefore, not a surprise that 42% of all school children in Chautauqua County are approved for free school meals. This county can be proud that it reduced its juvenile arrest rate to zero. It also lowered its percent of low birth weight babies. Problems in this county include a drop of 24% in the high school graduation rate and a drop of 22% in the percent of births with early prenatal care. Of concern to young families is the lack of a Head Start program and other available child care.

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CHAUTAUQUA

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.4	11.8	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	37.2	41.7	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	26.7	26.2	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.4	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	27.8	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.2	61.8	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	45.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	11.1	5.9	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		11.4	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.3	80.0	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	28.0	11.4	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.5	68.6	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.4	7.7	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.0	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

CHEROKEE

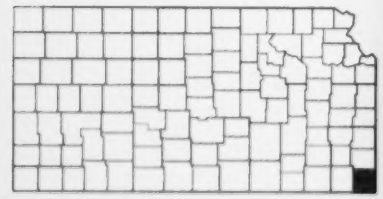
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (100 80 60 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100 — Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	13.4	13.6	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	33.5	37.3	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	31.9	32.7	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.9	22.6	3	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.5	7.0	3	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.0	75.9	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.0	35.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.3	7.3	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	50.7	51.0	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		16.8	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	56.0	54.6	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	29.4	24.5	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	81.3	75.6	9	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	61.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.6	11.8	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	116.6	139.6	7	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.1	14.6	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	21,374	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.0%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	3.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,703	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Columbus



CHEROKEE COUNTY, whose county seat is Columbus, is located in extreme southeast Kansas. The median family income is $10,000 less than the state level, and 1 out of 3 children are approved for free school meals. Cherokee County can be proud that over 50% of its eligible children are served by the Head Start program. The juvenile arrest rate was reduced from the base years by 23% and is well below the state average. It is of concern that Cherokee County's immunization rate declined by nearly 19%. Only about 1 in 3 two-year olds are fully immunized in Cherokee County. The high school graduation rate went down to 75% and the out-of-home placement rate went up 10% to well above the state average.

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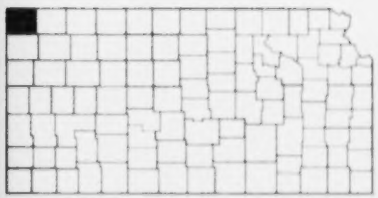
CHEYENNE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,243	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.0%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,984	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.8%	4.2%

County Seat: St. Francis



CHEYENNE COUNTY, located in northwest Kansas, has a small, homogeneous population. The county can be proud of its rate of graduates pursuing additional education and training, which is one of the best rates in the state. Cheyenne County experienced few births to mothers with less than a high school diploma in the current year. The immunization rate is very impressive at 67%. Although 19% of the children in Cheyenne County live in poverty, it is a concern that only 7.5% receive some form of economic assistance.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.9	5.6	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.7	32.2	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.7	7.5	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	32.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.6	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.4	88.9	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.7	67.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	5.6	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		19.7	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	84.2	87.5	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	6.0	3.0	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.7	88.9	5	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	42.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.4	3.9	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	111.7	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1	1.2	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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CLARK

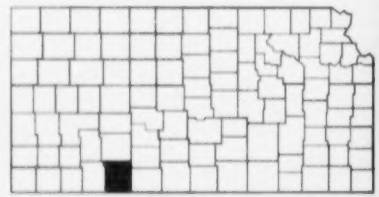
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.3	.0	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	17.9	19.6	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.1	10.6	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.6	86.4	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	30.3	47.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	18.2	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.4	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	80.8	96.3	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.4	3.1	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.1	90.0	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	28.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.8	1.6	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	291.6	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,418	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,631	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Ashland



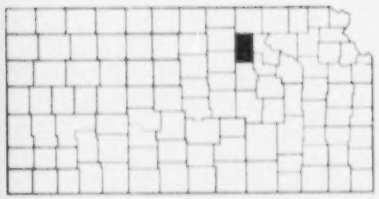
CLARK COUNTY is a lightly populated county in southwest Kansas with an unemployment rate of 2.6%, far below the state average. It ranks in the top 10% of counties in four categories: it had no births to single teens in the current year; its out-of-home placement rate is low; very few births occur to mothers without a high school degree; and its percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education and training is high. Areas marked for improvement include an immunization rate that, while getting better, is still below 50%. In addition, the percent of students graduating from high school dropped from 95% in the base years to 90% in the current year.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	9,158	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,886	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Clay Center



CLAY

CLAY COUNTY serves young families with excellent accessibility to child care and Head Start programs as well as an immunization rate for two year olds of 65%. The percent of low birth weight babies born in Clay County is one of the best in the state. The county can be proud of reaching a 90% high school graduation rate. Of concern is the 112% increase in the percent of births to single teens. In 1993, 10 of every 100 births in Clay County were to single teens.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 50 10 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.8	10.1	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.1	24.4	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.5	15.8	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.2	52.9	6	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.5	20.2	8	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.6	81.8	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	59.7	65.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	2.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	109.1	109.1	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		30.5	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.9	71.0	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.3	12.5	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.7	90.9	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.2	12.7	10	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	111.5	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2	4.2	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

CLOUD

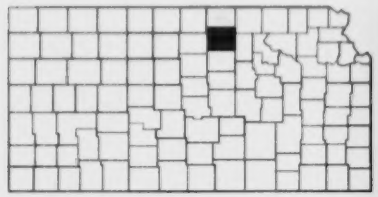
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.2	5.2	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.9	26.6	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.9	14.8	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	19.8	50.8	6	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.1	7.4	4	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	87.2	87.4	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	40.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.6	3.0	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	8.6	52.0	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		32.0	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.3	69.7	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	9.9	3	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.6	96.7	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.0				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	DATA NOT AVAILABLE, SEE PAGE 38.			8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	46.7	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	28.4	18.8	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,023	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.8%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,654	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Concordia



CLOUD COUNTY, whose county seat is Concordia, has only 22.9% of its population under 18. Citizens of Cloud County have worked to improve a number of indicators of child well-being. The percent of low birth weight babies has declined. The high school graduation rate has increased to nearly 97%. The availability of child care is excellent and over 50% of eligible children are served by Head Start. On a less positive note, the immunization rate decreased and is one of the lowest in the state. In addition, the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education and training is well below the state average.

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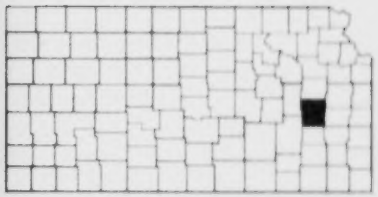
COFFEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,404	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.4%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,874	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Burlington



COFFEY COUNTY has a median family income below the state average and an unemployment rate of 5.7%. It can be proud of its reduction in the percent of births to single teens and its rate of births with early prenatal care, which is one of the best in the state. Unfortunately, several indicators of child well-being changed for the worse. The immunization rate fell by nearly 11%. The juvenile arrest rate increased dramatically but is still below the state average. Of special concern is the 100% increase in the rate of births to mothers with less than a high school diploma, which is now one of the worst in the state.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 200 100 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.0	6.9	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.9	20.5	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.4	14.4	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	77.5	113.2	9	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	9.8	5	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.4	91.2	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.0	49.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.2	7.8	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		23.8	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.4	73.4	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.5	27.2	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.9	89.9	4	81.0	1980-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	47.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6	4.0	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	70.8	192.7	7	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.9	23.6	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	+

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COMANCHE

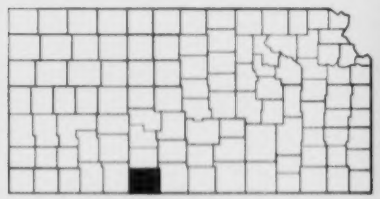
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.7	.0	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.9	24.5	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	5.8	7.6	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.9	81.3	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.0	50.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.4	6.3	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		27.1	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.1	63.6	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.1	6.9	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	99.0	100.0	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.7	1.8	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	159.2	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,313	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,057	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Coldwater



COMANCHE COUNTY is a lightly populated county located in southwest Kansas. The county can boast about its 100% high school graduation rate. The out-of-home placement rate is also one of the best in the state. Although 24% of Comanche County children live in poverty, it is a concern that only 7.6% receive one or more safety net services. Likewise, there is no Head Start program available in the county. Of additional concern is the sharp drop in the rate of graduates pursuing further education and training.

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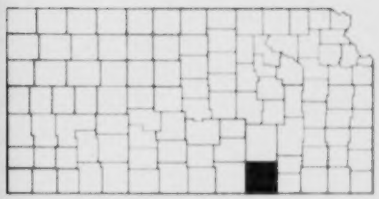
COWLEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	36,915	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.5%	88.4%
Black	2.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.9%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,107	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Winfield



COWLEY COUNTY, whose county seat is Winfield, experienced a significant jump in its unemployment rate in 1993. The county can be proud of the increase in its immunization rate, the growing availability of Head Start in the county, and the 12% increase in the rate at which students graduate from high school. Although the juvenile arrest rate was reduced from the base years, it is still well above the state average. The percent of births to mothers without a high school degree is one of the highest in the state.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.3	9.1	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.5	24.9	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.2	22.2	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	46.0	12.6	2	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.6	7.7	4	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.5	82.4	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.3	61.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.8	5.4	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	34.3	49.0	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.1	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.0	75.0	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.1	21.9	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	73.8	82.7	8	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.4	6.9	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	82.2	80.0	4	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	51.8	42.6	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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CRAWFORD

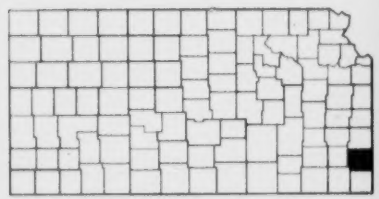
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.0	10.5	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	29.9	32.9	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	28.4	27.6	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	33.3	45.3	6	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.8	4.5	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.8	80.6	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.7	38.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	5.8	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	41.8	41.7	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		19.4	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.5	71.1	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.1	18.8	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.4	77.6	9	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	53.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.9	12.4	10	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	147.9	86.5	4	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.7	29.6	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	35,568	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	1.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,516	$32,960
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Girard



CRAWFORD COUNTY has a population just over 35,000 and is located in southeast Kansas. Positive indicators of child well-being include an infant mortality rate of 4.5, one of the best in the state. Crawford County also saw improvement in the percent of births with early prenatal care. On most other indicators the county lags behind the rest of the state. The immunization rate and out-of-home placement rate are among the worst in the state. Crawford County saw its unemployment rate increase to 6.3% in 1993.

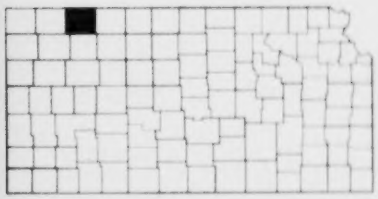
DECATUR

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,021	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,250	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Oberlin



DECATUR COUNTY has a small, homogeneous population. This northwest Kansas county can be proud of its increase in Head Start participation which is now providing for 85% of the eligible children. Other positives include a high percentage of graduates who pursue additional education or training. On most indicators Decatur County fairs well when compared to other counties. Although 17% of Decatur County children live in poverty, it is a concern that only 7% of these children receive economic assistance.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.4	5.7	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.0	21.2	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.8	7.1	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	47.7	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.0	80.0	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	35.7	49.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	1.4	.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	37.7	85.5	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	+
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		23.7	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.9	86.1	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.9	9.7	3	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.4	94.7	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9	2.9	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	101.1	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.3	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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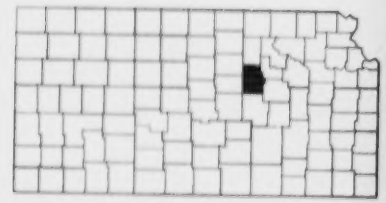
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	7.5	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.9	24.4	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.9	15.3	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	61.2	76.9	7	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.0	9.4	5	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.4	79.3	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.3	53.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	4.7	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	42.7	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		30.5	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.0	70.6	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.6	12.8	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.2	88.0	5	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.9				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	5.2	4	8.8	1990-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	97.8	91.2	5	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	38.9	33.2	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	18,958	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,019	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Abilene



DICKINSON COUNTY, with a population of nearly 19,000, is located in central Kansas. Dickinson County citizens can be proud of the reduction in the percent of low birth weight babies and the decrease in the juvenile arrest rate. Young families in the county are assisted by good availability of child care. Pride can also be taken in a new Head Start program. Of concern is a 75% increase in the rate of births to single teens, although this rate is still below the state average. The immunization rate dropped 15% between the base years and the current year.

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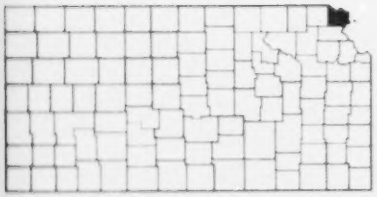
DONIPHAN

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,134	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.1%	88.4%
Black	1.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,317	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Troy



DONIPHAN COUNTY is located in the far northeast corner of the state. It has an unemployment rate of 6.9%, one of the highest in the state. Indicators of child well-being which look encouraging in Doniphan County include a Head Start participation rate which is one of the best in the state. The county can also celebrate the lack of teen violent deaths and its very low juvenile arrest rate. Areas which might be the focus of improvement include a very low immunization rate for 2 year olds (39%) and an apparent lack of availability of child care.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.5	5.8	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.7	29.9	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.3	20.9	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	23.6	123.2	9	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.3	77.9	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	41.0	39.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	7.7	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	76.8	78.4	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		10.8	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.1	68.9	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.5	16.0	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.9	85.5	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.3	6.2	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	109.7	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.7	3.1	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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DOUGLAS

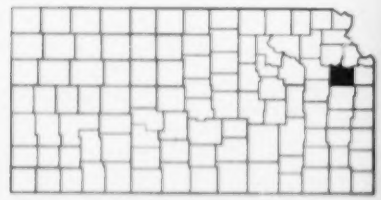
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.4	8.7	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	17.8	18.6	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.1	18.7	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	25.2	48.3	6	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.9	6.5	3	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.7	83.7	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	73.3	73.0	1	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	6.3	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	26.3	25.4	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		28.2	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.9	74.1	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.3	9.9	3	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	80.5	87.5	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	57.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.1	12.2	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	20.2	33.7	2	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	31.9	23.1	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	81,798	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	20.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.7%	88.4%
Black	4.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	2.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$35,631	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Lawrence



DOUGLAS COUNTY is one of the more populous counties in the state with a median family income well above the state level. The county has achieved one of the highest rates of immunization for 2 years olds (73%) in the state. In addition, the high school graduation rate improved from 80.5% to 87.5%, and the juvenile arrest rate declined by 27.8% and is now well below the state average. One concern is the percent of births to single teens which increased 61%, although the rate is still below the state average. The out-of-home placement rate is also an area on which to focus attention.

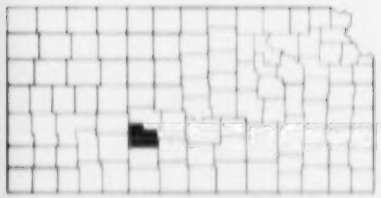
EDWARDS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,787	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.2%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,784	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Kinsley



EDWARDS COUNTY located in southwest Kansas, has a population of about 3,800. Edwards County can celebrate a 10% increase in the number of high school graduates pursuing further education and training. In addition, the percent of low birth weight babies is well below the state average. On the agenda for improvement in Edwards County is the large percentage of births to mothers without a high school diploma which is one of the highest in the state. The 10% drop in the high school graduation rate is also cause for concern.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.2	8.9	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	14.0	23.1	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	16.1	14.7	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.7	22.2	9	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.4	77.8	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.0	52.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.9	4.4	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.8	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	73.4	81.0	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	25.1	29.3	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.4	82.4	8	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5	7.5	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	599.0	9	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

ELK

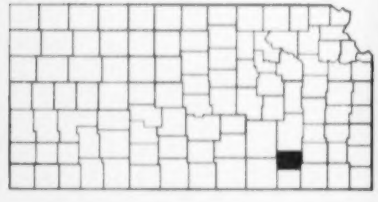
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.1	11.1	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	39.6	41.1	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	23.1	27.5	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	35.2	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.2	85.2	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.7	47.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.8	3.7	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		6.6	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	55.1	61.1	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.1	17.9	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.1	96.4	2	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.9				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.3	20.3	10	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.0	20.8	7	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,327	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	21.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.3%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,091	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Howard



ELK COUNTY is a sparsely populated county with only 21.6% of its citizens under the age of 18. Its median family income is well below the state average and its unemployment rate (6.9%) is one of the highest in the state. Over 40% of the children in Elk County are approved for free school meals. Elk County can be proud of its high school graduation rate of over 96% and its improvement in the percent of low birth weight babies. However, a number of indicators of child well-being have worsened significantly in Elk County. These include an increase in the percent of births to single teens, a decline in the immunization rate, an increase in the out-of-home placement rate, and growth in the juvenile arrest rate.

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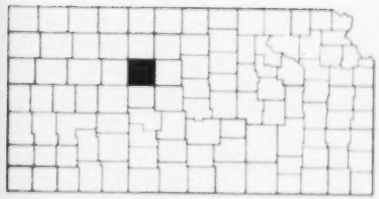
ELLIS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	26,004	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.6%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,144	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Hays



ELLIS COUNTY, located in western Kansas, has a median family income near the state average. Ellis County is a leader in increasing the percent of births with early prenatal care, with 93% of its births enjoying the fruits of such care. There are very few births to moms with less than a high school degree in Ellis County. A place is available in the Head Start program for sixty-six percent of eligible children, and other child care availability is favorable also. Less positive indicators include an increase in the rate of births to single teens, although the rate is still below the state average. Also of concern is the high juvenile arrest rate.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.8	7.6	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	15.3	16.1	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.0	12.0	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.0	35.9	5	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.4	12.2	6	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	91.3	93.0	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	66.3	56.0	5	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.8	7.3	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	58.5	66.0	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		29.6	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.7	74.9	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.7	5.1	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.8	89.6	5	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.2	7.7	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	28.2	52.8	3	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	34.7	33.9	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

ELLSWORTH

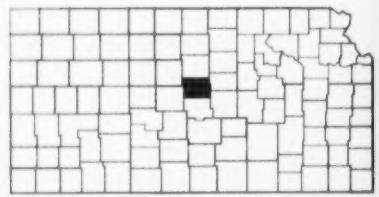
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.1	7.3	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.1	20.2	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.7	10.6	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	33.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.1	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.7	85.5	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.0	68.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	5.5	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.2	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	73.5	67.9	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.0	6.7	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.2	86.6	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7	2.5	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	100.3	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.5	25.1	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,586	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.6%	88.4%
Black	2.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,332	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Ellsworth



ELLSWORTH COUNTY can celebrate that there were no infant or childhood deaths and no teen violent deaths in the county in 1993. Other positive indicators for children in Ellsworth County include an immunization rate of 68% and a very low rate of births to moms without a high school diploma. Areas of concern include a 10% drop in the rate of high school graduation and growth in the juvenile arrest rate. In addition, the rate of students pursuing training or education after high school is among the worst in the state.

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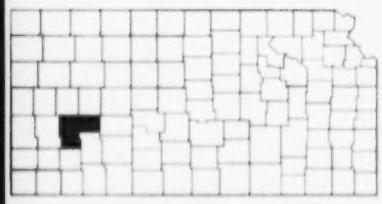
FINNEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	33,070	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	34.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	69.3%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	25.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,383	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Garden City



FINNEY COUNTY, located in southwest Kansas, has a diverse population with over 25% of the people identifying themselves as of Hispanic origin. In Finney County over 34% of the population is under 18 while the state average is 26.7%. One third of all school children in the county are approved for free school meals. Finney County citizens can be proud of the participation rate for Head Start and low rates of infant mortality and low birth weight babies. However, Finney County also has many areas of grave concern for children. The county ranks as one of the worst in the state in: percent of births with early prenatal care, percent of births to single teens, immunization rates, percent of births to moms with less than a high school degree, high school graduation rate, and the juvenile arrest rate.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.6	12.1	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	30.6	33.9	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	20.9	20.7	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	43.3	38.5	5	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.9	5.2	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	60.1	59.4	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	30.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.7	5.2	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	51.6	62.0	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		13.9	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.1	82.7	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	37.9	39.0	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	73.1	76.2	9	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	40.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.9				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.6	7.1	6	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	70.7	.0	1	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	97.0	129.8	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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FORD

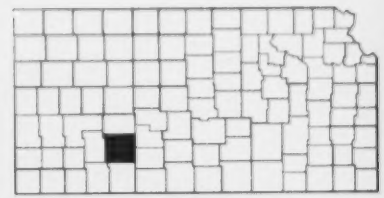
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.2	10.1	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	30.5	35.4	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.9	24.0	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	53.2	29.6	4	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.8	5.3	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	72.7	62.2	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.3	50.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	6.0	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	69.3	92.8	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		23.6	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.9	81.0	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	30.6	36.1	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	75.0	83.2	8	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.4	8.5	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	137.2	190.9	7	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	44.9	43.1	9	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	27,463	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	80.5%	88.4%
Black	1.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	14.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,613	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Dodge City



FORD COUNTY, located in southwest Kansas, has 29% of its population under 18, exceeding the state average. A positive occurrence in Ford County is the increase of 11% in the high school graduation rate. Also of note, nearly 93% of all eligible children have a place in a Head Start program. Ford County also has areas of concern regarding children. Only 62% of births have had early prenatal care.The percent of births to moms with less than a high school degree is high and increasing. The juvenile arrest rate is well above the state average.

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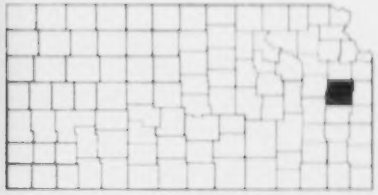
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	21,994	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.4%	88.4%
Black	1.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,210	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Ottawa



FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN COUNTY, located in eastern Kansas, has a population of nearly 22,000. The citizens of Franklin County can celebrate the lack of childhood deaths in 1993. Also on a positive note, the juvenile arrest rate decreased by 58.6%. Concerns for children include a 43.7% increase in the percent of births to single teens and a faltering immunization rate for 2 year olds of only 47%. The high school graduation rate dropped to 77.8%.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 10 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.6	10.9	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.3	22.7	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.1	21.3	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.3	.0	1	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.9	19.9	8	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.7	83.4	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	49.3	47.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	6.0	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	21.4	21.1	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		22.4	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	65.7	75.1	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.3	19.8	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	81.7	77.8	9	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	46.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.1	10.7	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	52.5	215.2	8	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	36.2	15.0	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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GEARY

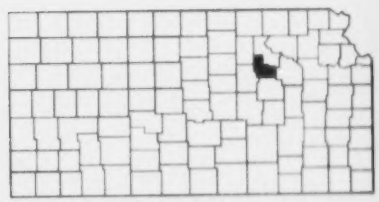
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.7	6.7	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	34.1	36.7	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	30.8	29.6	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	60.2	26.2	4	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.8	10.5	5	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	63.7	55.9	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.3	50.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.0	9.6	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	32.2	44.9	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		16.8	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	52.6	69.6	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.1	14.0	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	73.2	62.5	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	45.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.8	9.3	8	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	103.7	110.1	6	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	58.4	55.3	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	30,453	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	66.4%	88.4%
Black	22.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,231	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	8.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Junction City



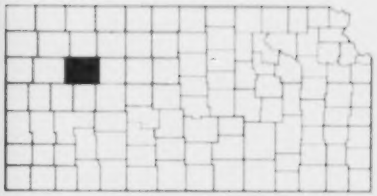
GEARY COUNTY, whose county seat is Junction City, has a diverse population of over 30,000. Strong indicators for children include a rate of births to single teens which is well below the state rate. The increase in Head Start participation is also encouraging. However, Geary County lags behind most other counties in the following categories: only 55.9% of births had early prenatal care; the high school graduation rate is only 62.5% and the juvenile arrest rate is one of the highest in the state. The unemployment rate in Geary County climbed to 8.9% in 1993.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,231	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,275	$32,066
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	2.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Gove



GOVE

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.4	5.6	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	14.0	13.2	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	4.8	4.8	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	117.1	155.8	10	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	55.6	10	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	90.3	80.6	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	67.0	62.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	8.3	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	49.8	116.3	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	+
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		21.9	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	83.5	66.7	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.3	19.2	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	98.2	90.6	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.2	7.1	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.6	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

GOVE COUNTY has a homogeneous population of just over 3,000. Because of its small population, rates for this county may vary to a greater extent than is found in more populous counties. Gove County residents can be proud of a Head Start program able to accommodate eligible children. In addition, there were no juvenile arrests in Gove County in 1993. The rate of births to single teens, although growing, is still far below the state rate. An area for potential improvement is the low percent of high school graduates pursuing additional education or training. Although 11% of Gove County children live in poverty, it is a concern that only 4.8% receive some form of economic assistance.

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GRAHAM

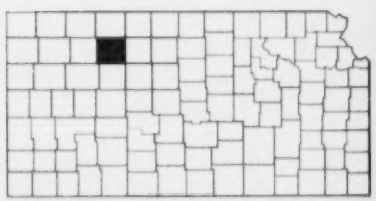
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.6	4.3	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.4	25.8	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.6	11.3	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	107.8	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.2	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.8	87.0	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	39.3	30.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.2	.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	27.0	61.9	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	+
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		26.1	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.8	73.8	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.8	.0	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.0	100.0	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.7	13.3	10	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	290.7	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.5	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,543	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	2.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,742	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Hill City



GRAHAM COUNTY is located in northwest Kansas and has a population of just over 3,500. The county can celebrate that there were no infant deaths, no childhood deaths, and no teen violent deaths in 1993. Pride can also be felt in the 100% high school graduation rate. In addition, there were no births to mothers with less that a high school diploma in 1993. Problem areas include a 30% immunization rate for 2 year olds and a high out-of-home placement rate.

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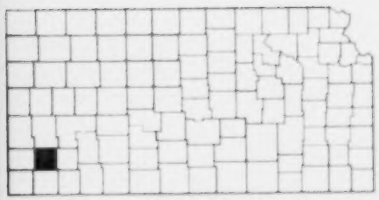
GRANT

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,159	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	34.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	76.8%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	21.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,241	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Ulysses



GRANT COUNTY has one of the largest percentages of children under 18 in the state, over 34%. Citizens of Grant County can be proud of the availability of the Head Start program and the low out-of-home placement rate. However, the rate of births to single teens increased over 28%, and the high school graduation rate declined by 8%. Nearly half the births in Grant County are to mothers with less than a high school degree. Of additional concern is the growing juvenile arrest rate.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.1	10.4	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	26.1	26.2	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.1	17.7	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	49.8	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.3	.0	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	69.8	74.1	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.7	42.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	5.2	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	95.8	100.1	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.8	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.0	69.7	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	39.5	46.7	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	80.2	73.8	10	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.2	3.9	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	73.4	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.7	27.4	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

GRAY

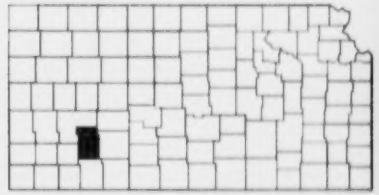
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.8	4.1	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	15.8	17.1	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.6	9.3	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	42.8	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.6	27.0	9	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.8	86.5	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	71.3	70.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	6.8	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		17.4	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.4	75.4	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	28.0	25.0	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.2	84.4	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.0				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.7	.5	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	267.9	8	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	.6	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,396	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,878	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Cimarron



GRAY COUNTY, whose county seat is Cimarron, has a homogeneous population of just over 5,000. Gray County can be proud of its low rate of births to single teens and its immunization rate for 2 year olds of 70%. The very low rate of juvenile arrests is also a positive for Gray County. The county might consider beginning a Head Start program for its eligible children. An additional concern is that in 1993 one of every 4 births were to mothers with less than a high school diploma.

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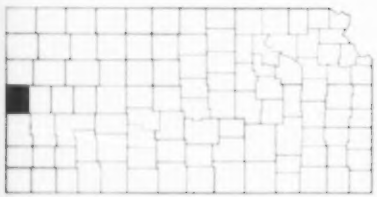
GREELEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	1,774	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	93.5%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,989	$32,960
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Tribune



GREELEY COUNTY, in far western Kansas, has a population of about 1,700. The median family income is very close to the state average. In the current year Greeley County can celebrate several achievements in children's health: there were no births to single teens, all births received early prenatal care, and no low-birth weight babies were born. An area that could use improvement is the immunization rate for 2 years olds which is currently only 41%.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.3	.0	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.0	25.8	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.9	5.5	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	87.7	210.8	10	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.7	100.0	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.7	41.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	2.3	.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.4	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.8	89.7	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.1	12.5	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.1	93.5	3	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.5				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.5	8.9	8	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	214.5	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.8	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

GREENWOOD

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.0	11.0	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.4	32.2	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	23.8	24.2	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.3	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.3	12.2	6	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	73.0	78.0	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	41.0	39.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	6.1	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		16.4	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.6	66.3	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.5	24.3	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.6	93.0	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.9	11.1	9	8.8	1991-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	117.3	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.4	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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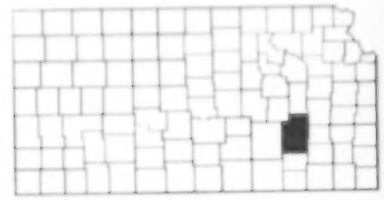
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,847	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,740	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Eureka



GREENWOOD COUNTY, located in southeast Kansas, has a median family income well below the state average and an unemployment rate which climbed to 6.1% in 1993. Citizens of Greenwood County can be proud of the high school graduation rate which stands at 93%. Also a source of pride is the low juvenile arrest rate. There were no teen violent deaths in 1993. On most of the other indicators, Greenwood County lags behind the performance of most other counties. Of particular concern are the rate of births to single teens, the lack of a Head Start program, and the immunization rate of only 39%.

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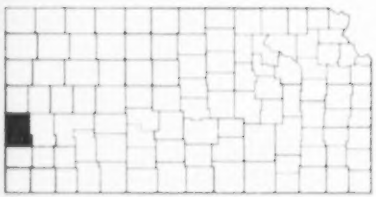
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,388	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.9%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,483	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Syracuse



HAMILTON

HAMILTON COUNTY, whose county seat is Syracuse, has a population of just over 2,000. This southwest Kansas county can boast of its low rate of births to single teens and its impressive immunization rate for 2 year olds of 84%. Also positive is Hamilton County's high school graduation rate of 93.5%. There were no low birth weight babies born to Hamilton County residents in 1993. Of concern is the out-of-home placement rate which is above the state average. The percent of births with early prenatal care is growing but remains below the state rate.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.0	2.9	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.2	28.6	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.2	12.3	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	212.7	10	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	18.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	72.0	79.4	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	66.3	84.0	1	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.6	.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.8	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.3	75.9	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.1	10.3	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.7	93.5	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.3	11.2	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	768.2	10	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

HARPER

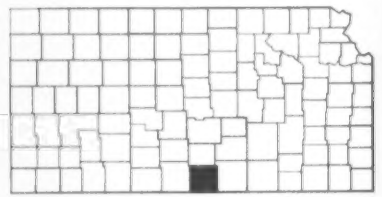
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	3.4	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.6	26.3	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	20.0	19.2	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.6	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.9	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.4	79.3	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	72.0	2	57.0	1989-91 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	5.2	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		22.8	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.2	79.0	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.9	11.1	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.3	89.3	5	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.9				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.1	7.0	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	51.5	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.0	7.6	5	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,124	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,358	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Anthony



HARPER COUNTY has a population just over 7,000 and is located in southwest Kansas. There has been a dramatic improvement in the juvenile arrest rate in Harper County, and it boasts an excellent immunization rate for 2 year olds of 72%. The rate of births to single teens is low and the out-of-home placement rate has declined. Added to these gains for children are areas of concern. There is no Head Start program in the county, and the percent of births with early prenatal care is well below the state rate.

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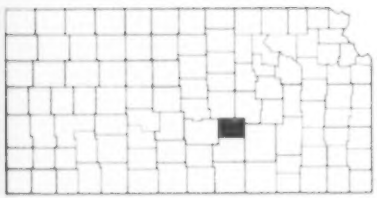
HARVEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	31,028	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.9%	88.4%
Black	1.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,955	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Newton



HARVEY COUNTY, located in central Kansas, has a median family income which mirrors the state average. The immunization rate in Harvey County is impressive at 72%. The county has made significant gains in the percent of low birth weight babies and has good child care availability. Areas of concern include a 93% increase in the rate of births to single teens, although the rate is still below the state average. The juvenile arrest rate also jumped in 1993 and now exceeds the state average.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.7	9.1	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.6	22.5	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.7	15.0	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.8	15.0	2	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.2	10.4	5	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.5	81.0	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.3	72.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	3.1	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	52.3	51.7	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		24.5	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.3	68.1	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.5	14.3	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.8	87.2	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	47.2				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.4				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.9	7.5	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	34.8	94.0	5	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	20.4	44.1	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	+

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.9	8.3	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.2	27.3	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.2	18.0	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	80.2	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.7	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	66.0	71.4	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.7	53.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.6	3.6	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		14.8	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	82.2	75.6	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	29.3	28.9	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.4	86.5	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5	.8	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	345.5	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.8	1.6	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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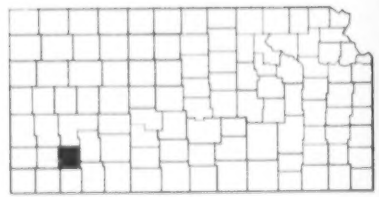
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,886	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	85.0%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	14.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,632	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Sublette



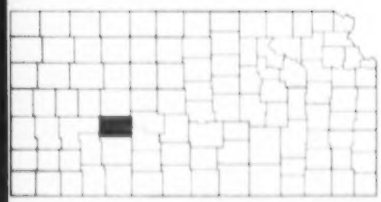
HASKELL COUNTY, located in southwest Kansas, has a population of over 3800. Nearly one out of every three people in Haskell County is under the age of 18. Citizens in Haskell County can be proud of its percent of low birth weight babies which is one of the best in the state. The out-of-home placement rate, teen violent death rate and juvenile arrest rate are also favorable. Problems for the county include an increase in births to single teens and the percent of births with early prenatal care, which is one of the worst in the state. In addition, the county may want to consider organizing a Head Start program.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,177	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.4%	88.4%
Black	1.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,296	$32,066
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Jetmore



HODGEMAN

HODGEMAN COUNTY, located in western Kansas, has a small, homogeneous population. The county can celebrate that 100% of its births in 1993 received early prenatal care. In addition, 87% of its high school graduates pursued additional education or training, one of the best performances on this indicator in the state. The county's immunization rate of 70% is impressive. An area of concern for the county is the large increase in the rate of births to single teens.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	10.0	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.5	23.1	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.2	7.9	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	80.1	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.3	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.9	100.0	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.3	70.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.4	10.0	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		14.9	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	82.0	87.1	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.7	3.7	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.4	88.6	5	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.4	.0	•	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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JACKSON

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.5	4.2	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.8	21.6	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	19.1	16.0	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	15.1	37.6	5	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.1	6.1	3	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.9	93.3	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	70.7	72.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	4.8	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	70.8	70.8	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		22.2	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.0	69.7	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.7	14.9	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.7	87.9	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	2.4	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	100.0	0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.8	6.2	5	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	+

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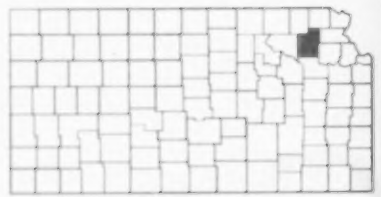
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,525	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	5.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,572	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Holton



JACKSON COUNTY, located in northeast Kansas, has a median family income close to the state average. In 1993, the unemployment rate jumped to 6.5%. The county can boast of a number of positive indicators of child well-being. The rate of births to single teens is low, the immunization rate for 2 year olds is excellent, and 93% of the births enjoyed early prenatal care. In addition, Head Start participation is high. Of concern is the low rate of high school graduates pursuing further education or training.

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JEFFERSON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	15,905	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.5%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$33,360	$32,066
Unemployment 1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services	5.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Oskaloosa

JEFFERSON COUNTY, located in northeast Kansas, has a population of nearly 16,000. Citizens of the county can be proud of its low rate of births to single teens and its excellent immunization rate for 2 year olds of 74%. The reduction in the rate of births to mothers with less than a high school degree is also a positive. Of concern is the relatively low rate of high school graduates pursuing additional education and training.

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	Base Years County	County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.6	4.7	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.1	18.0	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.8	13.1	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	28.3	0	1	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.1	15.7	7	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.2	86.9	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.7	74.0	1	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.7	5.8	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	44.7	55.9	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		19.9	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.5	71.2	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.4	7.7	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.4	87.3	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	31.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2	4.7	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	115.3	105.2	6	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.6	7.0	5	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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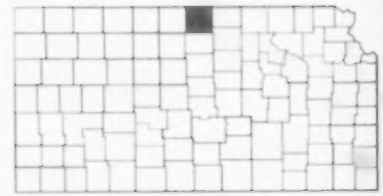
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	3.1	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.8	27.4	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.2	10.0	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	48.9	128.6	10	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	24.8	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.7	75.0	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	84.3	58.0	5	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.9	6.3	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	135.8	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		10.5	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	83.1	72.9	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.7	15.2	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	97.7	100.0	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.6				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	DATA NOT AVAILABLE. SEE PAGE 38.			8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	176.4	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.0	4.6	5	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,251	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$21,875	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	2.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Mankato



JEWELL COUNTY, which borders Nebraska, has a median family income which is $10,000 less than the state level. The unemployment rate in 1993 was a very encouraging 2.7%. Positive indicators for children in Jewell County include a high school graduation rate of 100% and a low rate of births to single teens, which is one of the best in the state. A source of pride for the county is the excellent availability of the Head Start program for eligible children. Concerns include a sharp drop of 31% in the immunization rate and a low percent of births with early prenatal care.

JOHNSON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	355,054	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.1%	88.4%
Black	1.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.6%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$50,348	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.2%	4.2%

County Seat: Olathe

JOHNSON COUNTY, one of the 5 counties in metropolitan Kansas City, has the highest median family income in the state. Its population exceeds 350,000. The county compares favorably with other counties in the state on most indicators of child well-being. Johnson County is in the top 10% of counties in percent of births with prenatal care, child care availability, and births to moms with less than a high school degree. Of concern is a juvenile arrest rate which grew 16% from the base years and is now one of the worst in the state.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Years / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.0	3.6	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	5.8	6.9	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	5.8	6.0	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.2	23.1	3	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.8	4.4	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	92.0	93.5	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	67.3	68.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.7	5.1	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	38.7	45.1	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		32.5	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	82.2	81.4	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.6	5.9	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.6	89.9	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.4				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.4	2.0	2	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	41.6	46.1	2	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.1	40.7	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

KEARNY

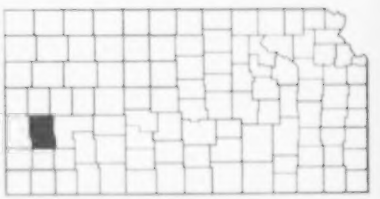
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.4	4.1	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.6	30.8	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.0	16.5	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	18.1	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.1	13.7	6	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.0	64.4	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	66.7	57.0	5	57.0	1989-91 & 93 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	8.2	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	17.1	41.4	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	+
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		16.2	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	69.6	81.7	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	33.6	40.9	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.4	93.8	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.8	9.0	8	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	202.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.7	17.1	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,027	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	33.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	82.5%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	16.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,077	$32,866
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Lakin



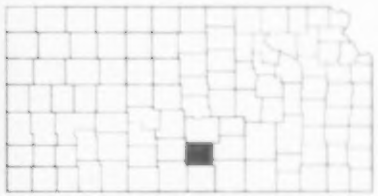
KEARNY COUNTY, located in western Kansas, has a population of approximately 4000. About one of every three people in the county is under the age of 18. Births to single teens dropped by 51% from the base years and is one of the lowest in the state. There has been a good increase in Head Start participation. In addition, the percent of graduates pursuing further education and training increased by 17% and is now well above the state average. Of concern is the immunization rate which dropped by 14%. The percent of births with early prenatal care declined in the current year and is now one of the worst in the state. Currently, over 40% of births to county residents are to mothers with less than a high school degree.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,292	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.6%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,491	$32,966
Unemployment (1990 Data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	5.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Kingman



KINGMAN COUNTY is located in south central Kansas. County residents can be proud of the decline in the percent of low birth weight babies and the related increase in the percent of births with early prenatal care. Concerns for the county include a 68% increase in the percent of births to single teens. One of every four school children is approved for free school meals. The county might consider the development of a Head Start program for its eligible children.

KINGMAN

	Base Years County	County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.6	9.5	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.2	25.3	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.6	15.4	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.8	8.6	4	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.9	87.1	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	60.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	3.4	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		12.6	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.0	82.3	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.1	15.5	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.5	89.7	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2	4.7	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	148.7	208.9	8	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.4	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

KIOWA

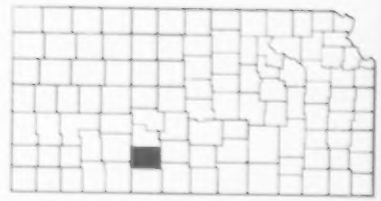
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Years(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.4	4.3	2	10.9	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.5	25.0	6	24.0	1991-93 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.5	13.5	5	19.0	1993 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	12.6	•	•	8.7	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.9	91.3	2	84.0	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.3	39.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.8	6.5	7	6.6	1988-92 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	42.0	1992-93 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		33.8	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	79.2	76.7	5	74.0	1988-92 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.9	8.9	3	16.0	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	97.0	82.7	8	81.0	1990-92 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.1				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.4				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.5	9.2	8	8.8	1989-92 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	301.6	0	•	78.9	1988-92 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.6	0	3	38.0	1990-92 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,660	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,099	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Greensburg



KIOWA COUNTY, whose county seat is Greensburg, has a population of about 3600. Citizens of Kiowa County can be proud of its low rate of births to single teens and its high percent of births with early prenatal care. In addition, the county reduced its percent of births to moms with less than a high school degree by 47%. Of concern is the sudden drop in the immunization rate which is now only 39%. The high school graduation rate also dropped by about 15%.

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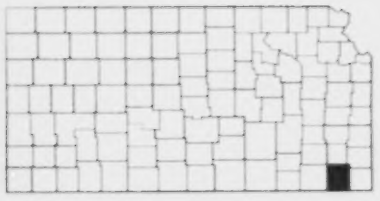
LABETTE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	23,693	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.4%	88.4%
Black	4.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,919	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	7.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Oswego



LABETTE COUNTY, located in southeast Kansas, has a population of nearly 24,000. In 1993, the unemployment rate for the county jumped to 7.4%. Nearly 30% of school age children are approved for free school meals. Labette County citizens can be proud of the availability of licensed child care and a Head Start program able to accommodate over 63% of the eligible children. In addition, the juvenile arrest rate and the percent of high school graduates pursuing further education or training improved significantly. Of concern is the low immunization rate (42%) and a high rate of births to single teens.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	11.2	10.7	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.6	29.6	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	24.7	24.7	9	19.0	* 1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	40.0	102.9	8	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.2	0	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.3	82.7	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	48.0	42.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.9	6.6	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	63.0	63.9	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		26.7	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.8	80.0	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	23.7	19.1	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	80.1	85.6	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.9				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.1	8.4	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	56.9	62.5	3	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	34.8	3.8	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

LANE

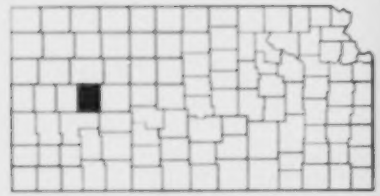
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.1	8.3	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	14.8	22.2	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.8	11.0	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	38.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	41.7	10	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.0	87.5	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	44.7	62.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	8.3	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		17.9	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.2	84.8	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.3	10.3	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.9	86.8	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.2	1.5	1	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	157.6	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.6	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,375	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,506	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	1.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Dighton



LANE COUNTY is a sparsely populated county with a median family income close to the state level. Positive indicators for children include a 38.8% improvement in the immunization rate for 2 year olds and a very low out-of-home placement rate. Nearly 85% of the high school graduates pursue additional education or training, which is one of the best rates in the state. Lane County residents should keep an eye on the rate of births to single teens, which worsened significantly from the base year.

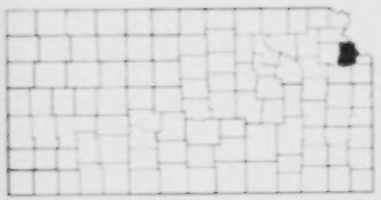
LEAVENWORTH

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	64,371	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	83.8%	88.4%
Black	10.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,820	$32,966
Unemployment (All data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources - Labor Market Information Services)	5.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Leavenworth



LEAVENWORTH COUNTY has a relatively diverse population of nearly 65,000. The median family income in Leavenworth County exceeds the state level. Citizens can be proud that nearly 90% of the children born to county residents in 1993 received early prenatal care. In addition, the immunization rate improved nearly 9%, and the juvenile arrest rate was reduced by 42%. Areas of concern include a 7% drop in the high school graduation rate. The percent of graduates pursuing additional education and training improved in the current year but is still one of the lowest in the state.

	Base Years County	County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.7	9.0	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	13.1	15.5	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.6	15.1	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.2	13.9	2	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.4	17.8	8	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.5	89.6	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.3	69.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	6.9	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	39.7	38.2	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		13.1	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	65.2	68.9	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.8	13.0	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.1	82.5	8	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.7				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.3				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.3	4.6	4	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	103.3	51.9	2	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.3	7.1	5	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

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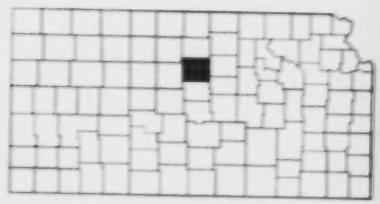
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.0	7.1	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.5	17.3	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.9	7.6	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	58.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.5	89.3	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	74.0	84.0	1	57.0	1990-91 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.0	10.7	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	+
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.1	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	73.0	78.6	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.1	6.3	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.3	98.2	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.6				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.5	6.8	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	186.4	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.7	54.5	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	+

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1940 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,653	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,223	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Lincoln



LINCOLN COUNTY showed an improvement in the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education and the percent of students graduating from high school. The percent of students graduating is one of the best in the state. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized and the percent of births with early prenatal care are both above the state average. Concerns include an increase in the percent of births to single teens and an increase in the percent of low birth weight babies.

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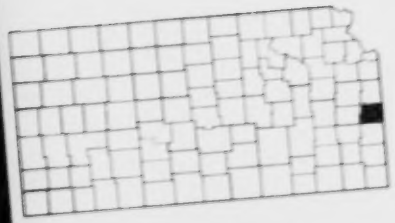
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,254	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.5%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,692	$32,366
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	9.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Mound City



LINN COUNTY had a 35% decline in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree, a figure in the top half of the state's counties. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 showed improvement in the current year but is still low. The areas of concern are the increase in the percent of births to single teens and the percent of low birth weight babies. Of particular concern to families with young children is the lack of child care availability, a figure well below the state average.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year — Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.8	11.4	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.8	31.0	9	24.0	1992-93 / 1994
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	19.9	19.9	8	19.0	1993 / 1994
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	59.6	59.1	7	28.3	1988-92 / 1993
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.1	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	72.0	74.3	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.0	48.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.4	10.0	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	27.0	26.9	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		9.5	10	23.0	1994
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.8	62.6	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.9	10.3	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.7	80.4	9	81.0	1990-92 / 1993
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	61.5				1987-89 & 93
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.4				1987-89 & 93
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.2	4.1	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	188.8	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.1	3.3	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993

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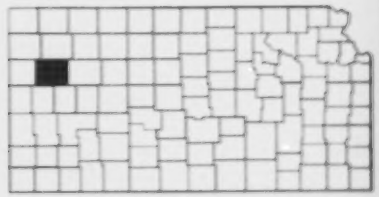
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.8	8.8	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.2	27.0	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.4	8.7	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	61.3	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.3	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	94.1	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.7	73.0	1	57.0	1989-91 & 93 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		23.3	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.7	78.7	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.2	5.6	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.2	94.0	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.6				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4				1987-91 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.9	.0	•	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.6	12.8	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,081	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.5%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,731	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Oakley



LOGAN COUNTY is in the top 10% of the state's counties in the percent of births receiving early prenatal care, the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 and the percent of low birth weight babies. The rise in the percentage of births to single teens should be noted as an area of concern.

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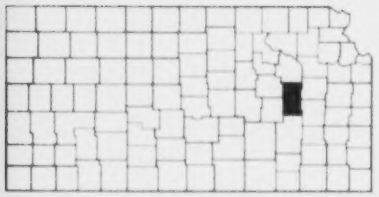
LYON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	34,732	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	89.4%	88.4%
Black	2.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,262	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Emporia



LYON COUNTY gained in educational achievements by increasing Head Start participation and gaining a 20% increase in the percent of graduates pursuing a post-secondary education. The sharp increases in the percentage of births to single teens and the percent of low birth weight babies put the county well above the state average. The 27% increase in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education also is an area of concern.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.3	23.4	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.6	26.5	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	19.2	20.5	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	29.0	12.7	2	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.3	7.3	4	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.1	77.5	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.0	52.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.3	16.1	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	32.5	42.5	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		17.5	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	59.1	70.9	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.4	25.9	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.7	71.0	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	58.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.9				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.9	7.0	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	75.3	72.9	4	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	20.6	32.5	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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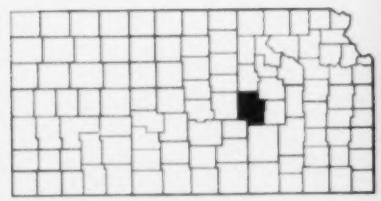
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.6	6.9	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	17.2	21.8	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.3	11.3	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	58.6	83.1	8	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.1	.0	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.5	86.8	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.0	55.0	5	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.1	5.5	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		23.1	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	73.8	80.7	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.5	15.1	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.4	92.5	5	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.6	2.2	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	70.7	.0	5	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.8	15.1	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	12,888	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,127	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Marion



MARION COUNTY showed a gain in educational achievement with a 9% increase in graduates pursuing a post-secondary education and an impressive high school graduation rate which reached 92.5% in the current year. The percentages are well above the state averages for both indicators. Increases in the percent of births to single teens and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education are areas of concern.

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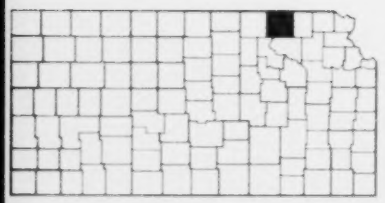
MARSHALL

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,705	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,249	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Marysville



MARSHALL COUNTY showed a significant gain in the current year in the percent of graduates pursuing a post secondary education which is above the state average. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 continues to decline for the county. Areas of concern are the increases in the percent of births to single teens and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (100 80 60 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100; Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.4	8.3	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.4	21.0	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.3	12.2	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	23.5	37.6	5	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.7	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.8	76.9	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.7	51.0	6	57.0	1989-91 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	4.6	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	31.7	31.0	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		10.0	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	66.6	82.4	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.7	18.3	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.6	88.7	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.6	4.4	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	126.8	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.7	14.5	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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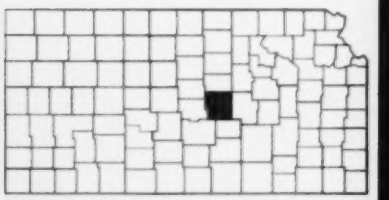
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.9	7.0	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	12.9	14.2	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.5	10.5	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	34.6	.0	1	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.3	5.8	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.1	84.5	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	67.7	69.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	5.0	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	19.2	56.2	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	+
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		19.8	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.3	77.5	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.6	15.3	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.4	97.1	3	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.9				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.7	6.0	5	8.8	1988-92 / 1992	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	21.1	58.3	6	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.9	14.7	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	27,268	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.2%	88.4%
Black	0.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,482	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.4%	4.2%

County Seat: McPherson



MCPHERSON COUNTY, with a population of over 27,000, has experienced a significant growth in the percent of Head Start participation and continues to be above the state average in the percent of students graduating from high school. The 81% increase in births to single teens for the current year and the increased teen violent death rate are areas of concern.

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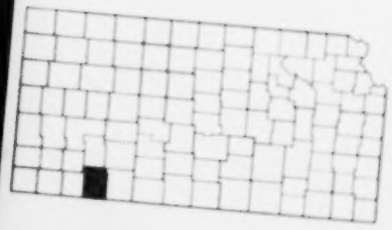
MEADE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,247	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.7%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,857	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	2.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Meade



MEADE COUNTY continues well above the state average in the percent of students graduating from high school. The significant increases in the percent of births to single teens and the childhood death rate are problem areas for the county. The percent of low birth weight babies for the current year exceeds the state average of 6.6%.

	Base Years County	County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Years / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.9	9.8	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	←
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.6	21.5	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.1	8.2	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.8	110.3	9	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	←
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.1	78.7	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	49.7	49.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	9.8	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.7	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	79.7	75.0	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.2	15.9	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.0	93.6	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	28.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	7.7	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7	4.2	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	←

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MIAMI

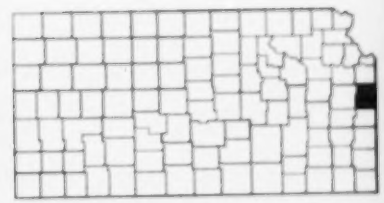
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	7.4	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.8	20.8	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.3	14.2	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	49.8	35.6	4	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.9	6.2	3	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.3	85.4	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.3	52.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	7.4	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	44.0	42.4	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.5	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.9	74.9	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.8	15.0	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.4	77.0	9	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	44.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.8	4.4	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	108.6	128.0	6	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.4	15.3	7	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	23,466	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	2.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$34,424	$32,866
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.2%	4.2%

County Seat: Paola



MIAMI COUNTY enjoys a median family income higher than most Kansas counties. The increase in the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education puts the county slightly higher than the state average. The drop in the percent of students graduating from high school is not good news for the county. Another area of concern is the increase in the percent of births to single teens.

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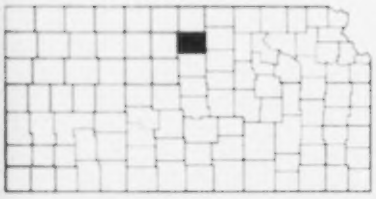
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,203	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.6%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,502	$32,966
Unemployment (1990 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Beloit



MITCHELL

MITCHELL COUNTY continues performing well above the state average high school graduation rate. The increase in the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education also places the county above the state average. Concerns include the increases in the percent of births to single teens and the decrease in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.7	5.0	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.8	23.1	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.5	9.0	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	13.7	70.3	7	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.3	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.1	85.0	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.3	51.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	5.0	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		24.3	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.0	84.4	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.4	6.6	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.8	95.7	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	DATA NOT AVAILABLE, SEE PAGE 38			8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	189.3	7	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1	.5	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

MONTGOMERY

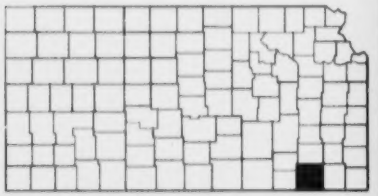
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	11.8	12.1	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.1	30.2	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	25.3	25.7	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	40.0	12.8	2	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.8	.0	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.3	83.7	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.7	44.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	7.3	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	39.9	43.5	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		19.0	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	68.3	70.4	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	27.8	23.4	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	73.7	73.2	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.0				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.6	7.4	6	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	86.6	.0	1	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	39.4	30.6	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	38,816	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	89.2%	88.4%
Black	6.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	2.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,063	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	5.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Independence



MONTGOMERY COUNTY showed a significant decrease in the childhood death rate, infant mortality rate, and teen violent death rate, placing it well below the state average for all three indicators. The arrest rates for Montgomery County youths dropped by 23 percent. The percent of children approved for free school meals is above the state average. Montgomery County's unemployment figure at 5.1% is higher than the majority of other counties.

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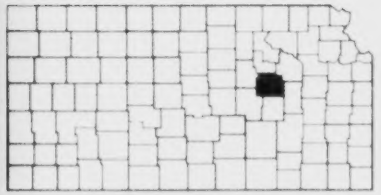
MORRIS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,198	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.6%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,437	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	4.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Council Grove



MORRIS COUNTY experienced a decline in the juvenile arrest rate for the current year. The percent of births to single teens at 5.3% for the current year still remains below the state average figure of 10.9%. The increase in the infant mortality rate is of concern as is the percent of low birth weight babies born in the current year.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	5.3	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.4	30.3	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	23.2	20.2	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	64.6	79.5	8	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.5	13.3	6	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.5	81.3	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	60.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	6.7	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		15.9	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	62.7	62.0	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.8	15.0	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.2	82.6	8	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.0	8.1	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	265.7	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	44.4	20.4	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

MORTON

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	4.1	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.6	26.5	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.1	14.5	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	70.8	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.2	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	65.3	68.8	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.0	60.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	2.8	2.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		17.8	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.7	72.9	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	26.5	34.1	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.8	92.2	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.3	11.1	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	77.2	395.7	9	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.5	.9	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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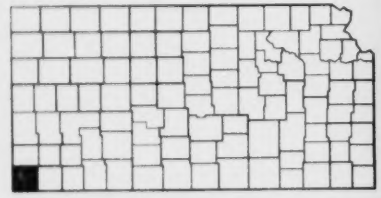
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,480	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	88.0%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	10.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,785	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Elkhart



MORTON COUNTY has a higher percent of its population under the age of 18 than the state average. The county continues performing well above the state average of 81% in its rate of high school graduates. The 27.7 percent increase in kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 places this indicator higher than the state average. An area of concern is the increase of births to mothers with less than a high school education.

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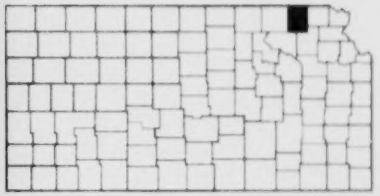
NEMAHA

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,446	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,786	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.2%	4.2%

County Seat: Seneca



NEMAHA COUNTY continues performing as a top county in the state in high school graduations. The county is a top performer also in having one of the lowest percentages in births to single teens in the state. The 15% increase in the rate of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 is well above other counties. The increases in the percent of low birth weight babies, the childhood death rate and infant mortality rate are of concern.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.5	2.2	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.6	19.0	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	6.8	7.2	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	16.5	40.9	5	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.6	14.8	7	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	91.3	91.9	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	68.7	79.0	1	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.5	6.7	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	70.6	70.3	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		22.7	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.2	73.8	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.0	7.6	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	97.8	100.0	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.5	3.0	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.2	4.6	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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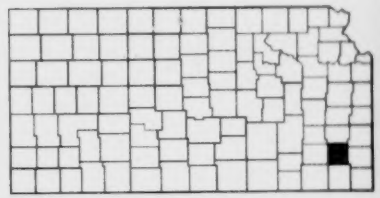
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.9	9.0	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.6	29.4	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	23.3	25.0	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	16.8	58.0	7	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.0	.0	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.1	84.4	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	36.0	25.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	4.2	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	51.0	51.8	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		29.1	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.8	82.7	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.3	20.3	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.4	86.9	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.6				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.4	5.2	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	88.3	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.8	1.1	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	17,035	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	1.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,613	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Erie



NEOSHO COUNTY experienced declines in the infant mortality rate and the juvenile arrest rate in the current year. The 9% increase in graduates pursuing post-secondary education is a positive for the county. Of concern are the increases in the childhood death rate and the continued decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2.

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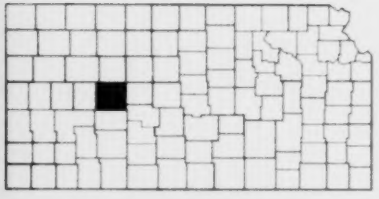
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,033	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,229	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Ness City



NESS COUNTY gained 6% in the rate of graduates pursuing post-secondary education during the current year. The county continues performing above the state average in the percent of students graduating from high school. Areas of concern are the increase in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education, the increase in the percent of births to single teens and the increase in the percent of low birth weight babies.

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NESS

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (← Worse — Better →)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.0	9.8	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	13.3	17.5	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	5.5	5.1	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	45.9	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.9	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.1	87.8	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	69.0	61.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	9.8	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		8.6	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.2	78.7	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.0	15.8	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.6	92.4	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	2.8	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	+
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	96.8	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.2	8.3	5	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

NORTON

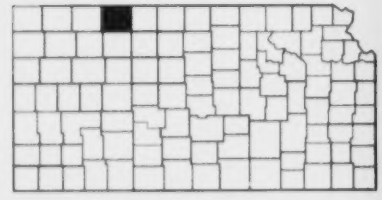
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (100 80 60 40 20 0 Worse — 0 20 40 60 80 100 Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	6.2	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.8	22.0	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.7	12.3	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.0	103.3	9	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.3	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.1	92.3	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.7	52.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	6.2	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		31.5	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.4	76.5	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.8	7.7	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.4	100.0	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	28.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.8	8.4	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	159.2	1483.2	10	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	27.6	34.0	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,947	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	2.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,972	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.2%	4.2%

County Seat: Norton



NORTON COUNTY attained a 100% graduation rate which continues its trend of being one of the top performing counties in high school graduates. Norton County has one of the state's lowest unemployment figures. Problem areas are the increasing out-of-home placement rate and the 23.5% change in single teen births and the 23.5% change in low birth weight babies.

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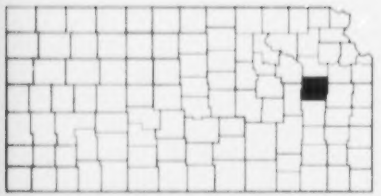
OSAGE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	15,248	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,900	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	7.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Lyndon



OSAGE COUNTY showed a gain in the percent of births receiving prenatal care making the county one of the top in the state. The declines in the percentage of births to mothers with less than a high school education and the increase in the percent of students graduating from high school are positives for the county also. The percent of graduates pursuing a post-secondary education is one of the lowest in the state.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.1	7.2	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.3	20.5	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	16.8	15.8	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	18.3	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.0	.0	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.8	92.3	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.7	62.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	5.0	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	28.8	28.8	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		30.2	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.3	62.1	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.3	9.8	3	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.3	93.4	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	54.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.1	4.7	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	40.1	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.0	12.2	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

OSBORNE

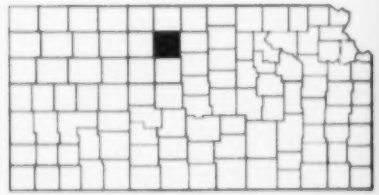
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.9	4.4	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.3	21.4	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.1	11.1	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	43.0	112.6	9	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	3.6	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.0	88.9	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.7	42.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.3	2.2	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		26.8	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	83.3	82.9	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.6	12.5	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.1	87.5	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	21.0				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.2				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.9	3.5	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	78.6	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,867	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,500	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Osborne



OSBORNE COUNTY experienced a decrease in the out-of-home placement rate. The decrease in the percent of low birth weight babies is a strength for the county and its children. The increase in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree is of concern; as is the decrease in the rate of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2.

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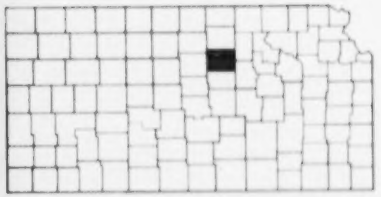
OTTAWA

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,634	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,410	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Minneapolis



OTTAWA COUNTY is a leader in the state in the percent of births with early prenatal care and in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2. The percent of graduates pursuing a post-secondary education and the percent of high school graduates continues to be above the state average. The increase in the infant mortality rate and the increased percentage of low birth weight babies are a concern.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.2	7.1	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.0	23.8	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.5	17.4	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.5	17.9	8	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.6	92.9	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.5	73.0	1	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	10.7	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		27.1	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	71.3	79.2	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.1	11.1	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.4	94.7	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	22.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.2				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	DATA NOT AVAILABLE, SEE PAGE 38.			8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	65.3	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.4	16.3	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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PAWNEE

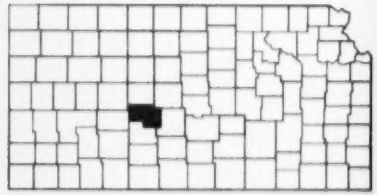
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.4	8.9	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.0	21.7	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.1	13.4	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	26.9	67.2	7	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	12.2	25.3	9	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.9	83.5	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	39.7	44.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	10.1	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		29.0	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.7	86.4	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.4	17.3	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.0	83.0	8	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	43.9				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.2	4.0	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	176.8	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.1	1.5	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,555	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.3%	88.4%
Black	3.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,759	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Larned



PAWNEE COUNTY experienced a significant decrease in the juvenile arrest rate and the out-of-home placement rate. The increase in the percent of graduates pursuing a post-secondary education puts the county as a top performer in the state. The increases in the percent of low birth weight babies, infant mortality rate and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree are areas of concern.

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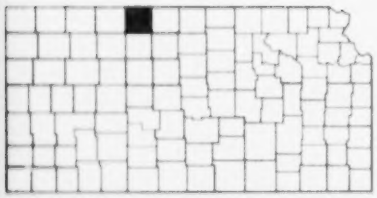
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,590	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,541	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Phillipsburg



PHILLIPS COUNTY had a continued decline in the percent of low birth weight babies. Another positive for this county is the increase in the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education. Problem areas are the increase in the percent of births to single teens and the increase in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education.

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PHILLIPS

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.2	9.6	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.3	24.7	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.5	9.6	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	15.1	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.8	77.1	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.3	52.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.7	2.4	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.9	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	73.4	79.2	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.2	13.6	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.4	86.7	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.4	9.8	8	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.8	11.0	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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POTTAWATOMIE

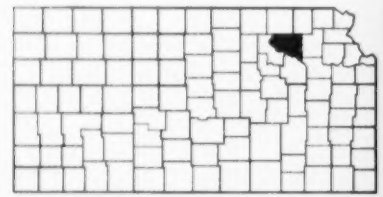
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	5.4	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	15.4	18.7	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.1	13.6	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	36.4	.0	1	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	1.6	9.8	5	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.9	85.2	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.7	62.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	4.9	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	56.3	53.3	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		19.5	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.4	71.5	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.3	6.8	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	91.1	96.4	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.8	3.1	3	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	72.0	93.6	5	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.4	11.1	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	16,128	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,932	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Westmoreland



POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY had an increase in the percent of students graduating from high school; making the percent for the county well above the average for Kansas. The decline in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education and the decline in low birth weight babies are positives for the county. The decreased childhood death rate is an area of improvement also. An area of concern for this county is the increase in the infant mortality rate.

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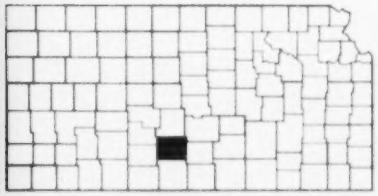
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	9,702	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,481	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Pratt



PRATT COUNTY, located in south central Kansas, had significant declines in the juvenile arrest rate and the out-of-home placement rate. A problem in the county is the increase in the percent of births to single teens. It is of concern that there is no Head Start program in the county for young children.

PRATT

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.7	6.7	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.7	18.6	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.0	13.3	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.0	98.2	8	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.2	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.4	88.5	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.0	56.0	5	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	4.8	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		25.9	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.8	80.4	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.6	19.0	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	87.7	85.5	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	32.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.2	4.2	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	57.4	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	63.7	35.9	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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RAWLINS

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	7.4	5	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	26.6	29.0	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	6.4	7.2	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.3	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	37.0	10	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.4	88.9	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.3	37.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.5	3.7	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		12.9	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	77.9	86.5	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.1	5.9	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.6	100.0	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.6	2.3	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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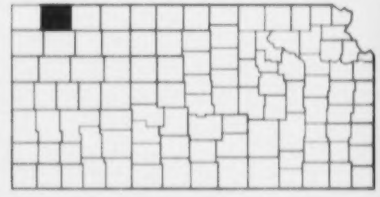
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,404	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,818	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Atwood



RAWLINS COUNTY, one of the most lightly populated counties, has maintained an outstanding record of high school graduation rates over the base and current years. The decline in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education and the increase in the percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education are both positives for the county. The decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 is of concern.

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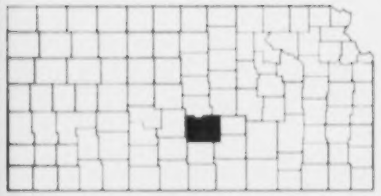
RENO

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	62,389	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.4%	88.4%
Black	2.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,549	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	4.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Hutchinson



RENO COUNTY has shown improvement in the percent of births with early prenatal care. The county's percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 has increased also. Another positive, Head Start participation has grown in the county along with a 6% increase in the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education. The percent of students graduating from high school has slipped slightly for the county. The out-of-home placement rate has continued growing and is one of the highest in the state.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.3	8.6	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.8	26.9	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.2	21.9	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	29.8	23.8	3	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.7	9.0	4	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.0	81.8	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.3	67.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	6.3	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	25.7	35.2	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		23.3	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.6	68.8	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.3	20.3	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	82.3	79.8	9	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	51.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.3	13.4	10	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	83.3	25.6	2	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	62.2	69.1	10	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

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REPUBLIC

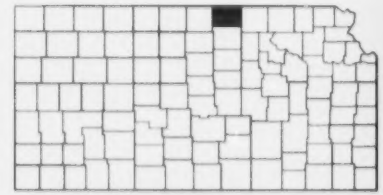
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (100 80 60 40 20 0 Worse — Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	4.9	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.3	23.7	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.2	11.2	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.8	80.5	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.0	60.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.4	.0	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	60.8	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.4	6	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	79.7	82.2	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.2	4.5	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.8	92.4	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.6				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	DATA NOT AVAILABLE, SEE PAGE 38			8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	60.9	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.2	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,482	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,637	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Belleville



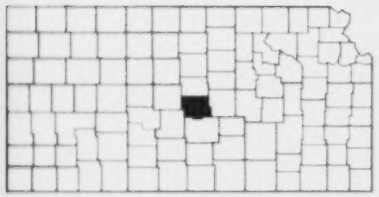
REPUBLIC COUNTY has had an increase in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2. The county had no low birth weight babies in the current year. The Head Start program began in the county allowing opportunities to eligible 3 and 4 year olds. Further improvement was shown in the percent of graduates pursuing a post-secondary education. There has been a slight increase for the county in the percent of children receiving free school lunch and in the percent of children receiving economic assistance.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,610	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.6%	88.4%
Black	1.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,406	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.2%	4.2%

County Seat: Lyons



RICE

RICE COUNTY had significant improvement in the current year in reducing the infant mortality rate and the percent of low birth weight babies. The drop in the juvenile arrest rate and the increase in the percent of births with early prenatal care are positive trends for the county. Beginning a Head Start program is good news for this county also. The area of concern is the 45.8% increase in the out-of-home placement rate.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.7	9.8	8	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.3	29.0	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	19.9	21.2	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	71.1	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.1	8.9	4	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.1	81.3	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.3	58.0	5	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	2.7	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	20.1	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		14.1	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.8	72.2	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.1	14.6	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.8	83.1	8	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.7	11.3	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.4	4.6	5	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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RILEY

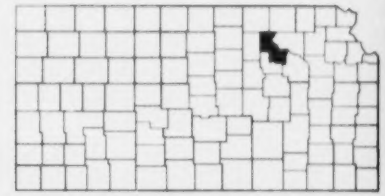
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.0	3.9	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.1	19.2	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.9	12.5	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	32.0	32.6	4	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.2	6.6	3	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.9	74.1	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.0	72.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.6	5.4	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	28.7	36.8	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		16.8	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.7	88.9	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.3	6.5	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	86.2	88.0	5	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.2				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.8	4.4	4	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	21.2	13.9	2	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	36.0	35.5	9	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	67,139	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	21.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	81.6%	88.4%
Black	10.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,511	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Manhattan



RILEY COUNTY has a relatively diverse population compared to the state average. The rate of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 increased for the current year. The county's immunization rate is higher than the state average. The increases in Head Start participation and the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education are both positive indicators for the county. The continuing decline in the percent of births with early prenatal care is of concern.

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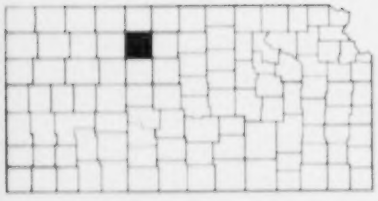
ROOKS

DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,039	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,601	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Stockton



ROOKS COUNTY has experienced a significant rise in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2. The high graduation rate and the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education are among the best in the state. Of concern is the increased percent in births to single teens, the increased percent in low birth weight babies, the increased percent in births to mothers with less than a high school degree and the significant jump in the out-of-home placement rate.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.6	8.8	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.6	20.5	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.1	11.8	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.7	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	14.7	7	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.8	91.2	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.0	65.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.0	13.2	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		25.2	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	74.9	83.1	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.2	14.3	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.9	97.8	1	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.4	10.2	8	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	171.2	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.9	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

RUSH

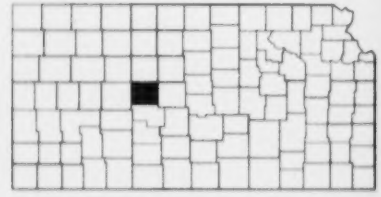
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.6	2.8	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.2	24.6	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.7	14.6	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	27.8	9	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	87.0	88.9	3	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.0	53.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.7	5.6	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	27.0	43.8	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		25.1	3	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	86.9	80.9	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	16.7	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	93.0	83.9	7	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.7	2.3	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.7	2.1	4	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	+

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,842	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.8%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,489	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	4.2%

County Seat: La Crosse



RUSH COUNTY has increased the rate of participation in the Head Start program by 62%. There was improvement in the out-of-home placement rate for the county. Areas of concern are the decline in the percent of students graduating from high school and the increase in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree.

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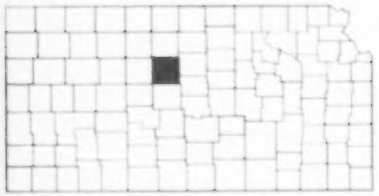
RUSSELL

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,835	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.4%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,508	$32,966
Unemployment (1991 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	4.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Russell



RUSSELL COUNTY improved in the areas of the percentage of births to mothers with less than a high school degree and in the out-of-home placement rates. The significant increases in the percent of single teen births and the percent of low birth weight babies are of concern. An alarming trend is the continued decline in the percent of students graduating from high school.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.1	9.2	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.1	25.9	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.9	16.9	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.3	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.6	84.2	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	49.3	46.0	8	57.0	1989-91 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	11.8	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	+
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		30.5	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.2	70.8	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.7	13.4	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	89.9	77.4	9	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	21.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.4	5.7	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	43.2	53.4	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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SALINE

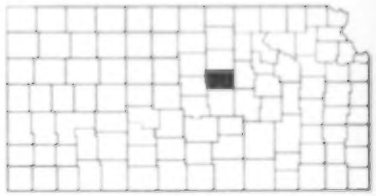
	Base Years County	County	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Years / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.8	9.0	7	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.0	23.6	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.7	18.6	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.6	18.9	3	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.3	4.2	2	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	87.5	89.9	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.7	78.0	1	57.0	1989-91 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	5.6	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	26.1	34.5	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		32.5	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.3	75.2	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.2	15.4	6	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.2	93.5	3	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.7				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.3	10.4	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	72.8	68.3	3	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	76.6	123.8	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	49,301	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	93.0%	88.4%
Black	3.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,030	$32,906
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources - Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Salina



SALINE COUNTY had significant improvement in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 making the county's rate one of the highest in the state. Head Start participation increased by 32.5% for the county. The increases in the out-of-home placement rates and the juvenile arrest rate are areas of concern for Saline County.

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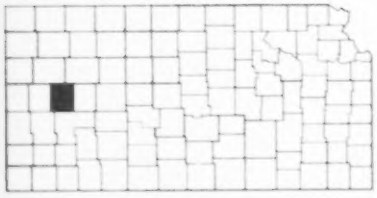
SCOTT

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,289	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.8%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,267	$32,986
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Scott City



SCOTT COUNTY, a lightly populated western county, experienced growth in the percent of graduates seeking a post-secondary education or training. Head Start participation rates increased significantly also. The juvenile arrest rate has continued increasing and remains high compared to other counties.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.1	6.7	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.0	23.7	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.0	7.0	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	32.9	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.2	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.0	83.3	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.3	61.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	5.0	4	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	168.4	259.9	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		29.7	2	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.4	85.1	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.9	18.3	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.1	82.7	8	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.3	8.6	7	6.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	25.5	26.7	8	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

SEDGWICK

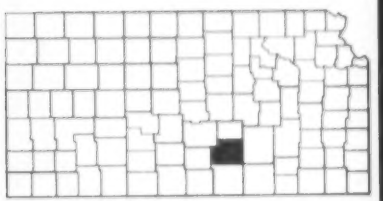
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.3	10.6	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.8	27.1	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.7	23.6	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	28.6	35.0	4	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.6	10.7	6	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.5	85.9	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.0	57.0	5	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.1	7.1	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	33.2	34.9	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		21.5	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	62.8	71.3	7	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.5	19.9	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	76.5	70.2	10	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	38.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.9				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.9	10.7	9	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	72.1	101.8	5	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	49.8	57.9	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	403,662	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	83.7%	88.4%
Black	8.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,194	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Wichita



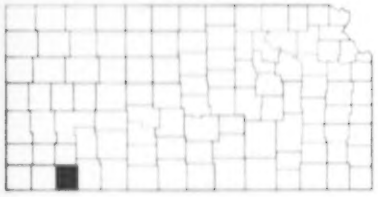
SEDGWICK COUNTY is the most heavily populated county in the state. The percent of all births receiving prenatal care in the county continues to be higher than most Kansas counties. The 13.6% increase in the rate of graduates pursuing post-secondary training and education is a positive for the county. An area of concern is the continued decline in the percent of students graduating from high school which continues to be among the lowest percents in the state. The teen violent death rate continues to grow in the county.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	18,743	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	31.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	71.6%	88.4%
Black	5.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	19.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,810	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.8%	4.2%

County Seat: Liberal



SEWARD COUNTY added Head Start slots in the current year for eligible 3 and 4 year olds, a positive for the county. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 continues to be one of the lowest in the state as does the percent of births receiving early prenatal care. The continued increase in the percentage of births to mothers with less than a high school degree is of concern.

SEWARD

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	12.8	11.7	9	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	33.4	42.8	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	27.5	31.6	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	37.4	19.8	3	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.2	9.7	5	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	56.2	53.3	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	39.7	38.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.4	7.3	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	32.6	5	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		14.9	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	64.5	69.1	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	39.2	45.5	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	75.9	75.8	9	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	54.1				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.7	9.2	8	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	86.6	.0	1	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	59.3	71.9	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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SHAWNEE

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.1	12.8	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.2	25.6	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.9	21.9	9	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	26.5	17.8	2	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.9	7.6	4	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.6	90.4	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.3	70.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.1	7.5	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	53.4	56.6	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		30.8	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	63.1	70.6	8	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.2	18.3	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	75.7	73.8	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.5				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.5	12.4	10	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	60.7	154.5	7	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	43.5	50.6	10	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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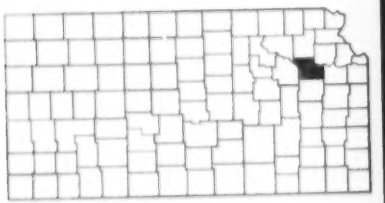
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	160,976	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	85.3%	88.4%
Black	8.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$35,987	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Service.)	5.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Topeka



SHAWNEE COUNTY has one of the states' highest rates of available child care slots. The percent of births with early prenatal care and the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 remain among the best in the state. The increase in the rate of graduates pursuing a post-secondary education is a positive for the county. An area of concern is the teen violent death rate increase. The percent of births to single teens continues growing in spite of some reductions in the pregnancy rate that the county has achieved with younger teens.

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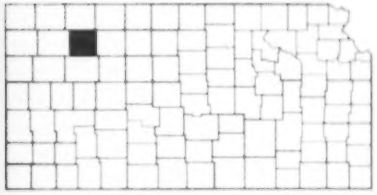
SHERIDAN

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,043	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,135	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.5%	4.2%

County Seat: Hoxie



SHERIDAN COUNTY has a higher percent of its population under age 18 than the state average. An increase in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 is a positive for the county. Alarming trends are the increases in the percent of single teen births, low birth weight babies and births to mothers with less than a high school education. The decline in the rate of students graduating from high school should be watched also.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.2	5.9	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	14.3	15.2	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	3.2	4.7	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.9	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.7	85.3	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	68.0	74.0	1	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	8.8	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		17.6	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	86.0	80.6	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	6.0	9.4	3	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	96.9	86.1	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	0				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.8	2.4	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	104.1	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.1	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

SHERMAN

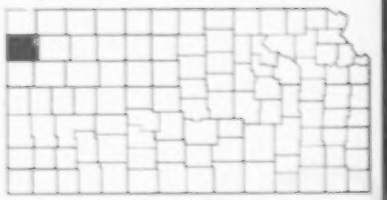
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Years/ Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (100 80 60 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100; Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.2	14.3	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.1	30.6	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.9	17.2	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	13.5	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.4	81.0	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.7	49.0	7	57.0	1991-93 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	7.1	8	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	43.4	44.3	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		22.4	4	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	79.9	83.8	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.6	21.2	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	77.4	84.2	7	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	59.4				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.2	8.8	8	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	199.5	0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	50.1	28.1	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,926	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,770	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Goodland



SHERMAN COUNTY has experienced positive changes in the current year in the percent of high school graduates and the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education. The county should be concerned with the increase in the percent of births to single teens which gives the county one of the highest rates in the state.

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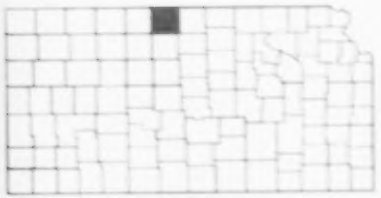
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,078	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.6%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.1%	5.8%
Median Family Income	$22,261	$32,866
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Smith Center



SMITH COUNTY has a smaller percent of its population under age 18 than the state average. For the second year, the county has experienced no births to single teens making it the top in the state. The increases in the percent of children approved for free school meals and the percent of children receiving economic assistance suggests the county is reaching more eligible children. The increases in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education should be noted as well as the lack of a Head Start program for the county.

SMITH

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.5	0	1	10.9	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.2	26.0	6	24.0	1991-93 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.9	11.5	4	19.0	1993 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	67.1	•	•	28.3	1988-92 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.3	23.3	9	8.7	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	88.4	3	84.0	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	54.0	5	57.0	1991-93 & 92 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	7.0	7	6.6	1988-92 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.8	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.3	82.5	2	74.0	1988-92 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.1	12.2	4	16.0	1988-92 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	94.1	83.8	8	81.0	1990-92 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.5	8.1	7	8.8	1991-92 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	140.8	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.6	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 1993	

STAFFORD

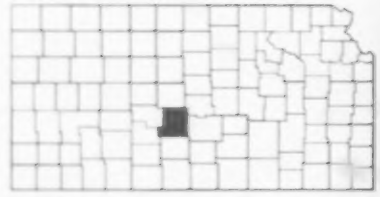
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse / Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.4	6.6	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.5	28.7	8	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.3	16.2	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.6	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.4	49.2	10	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.2	90.2	2	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.7	51.0	6	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	6.6	7	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	0	0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		17.3	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.7	84.1	2	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.6	20.8	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.6	76.8	9	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.3	9.8	8	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	69.2	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.7	8.0	5	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,365	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.1%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,000	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.2%	4.2%

County Seat: St. John



STAFFORD COUNTY experienced improvements in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 and in the percent of births with early prenatal care. The increases in the infant mortality rate and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education are of concern. The drop in the percent of students graduating from high school puts the county below the state average.

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STANTON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,333	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	82.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	16.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,993	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.9%	4.2%

County Seat: Johnson City

STANTON COUNTY showed declines in the percent of births to single teens and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree. The percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education continues to be one of the top in the state. Concerns include the increase in the percent of low birth weight babies and the dramatic decline in the percent of students graduating from high school.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.5	2.6	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.3	32.5	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.5	9.9	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	134.7	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.7	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.8	76.3	9	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	73.7	68.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.5	10.5	10	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		15.8	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	89.8	95.2	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	33.6	19.5	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	98.2	70.0	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.3				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.0				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.6	2.6	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	127.5	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.4	2.6	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

STEVENS

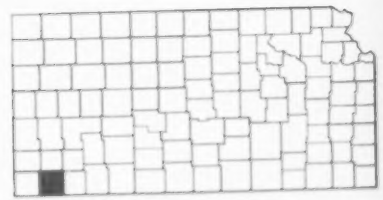
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.4	16.2	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.4	21.6	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.7	13.4	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	16.1	78.4	8	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.6	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	69.1	68.7	10	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	39.7	44.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	4.4	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		14.1	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	81.0	81.4	3	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.3	27.2	9	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.5	85.4	7	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.2				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.6	6.1	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	289.8	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.8	17.1	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	+

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,048	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.6%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	10.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,462	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	4.2%

County Seat: Hugoton



STEVENS COUNTY experienced an increased percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 and a decline in the percent of low birth weight babies. The tremendous growth in the percent of births to single teens and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education are of grave concern. With a higher than average percent of its population under age 18, the county still does not have a Head Start program.

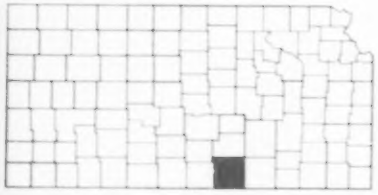
SUMNER

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	25,841	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.6%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,772	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Wellington



SUMNER COUNTY showed improvement in the current year in percent of births receiving early prenatal care and in the percent of low birth weight babies. Head Start participation continues to grow offering opportunities to eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The increase in the childhood death rate should be noted as well as the continued increase in the percent of single teen births. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized is below the average for the state.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.3	13.0	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.0	22.7	4	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.7	16.6	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	13.3	63.8	7	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.3	6.2	3	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.2	85.7	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.3	54.0	5	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	4.0	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	80.3	98.2	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		16.1	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	66.5	66.7	9	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.5	12.4	4	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.7	87.4	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	31.7				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.8	16.1	10	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	68.7	.0	1	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	27.6	25.0	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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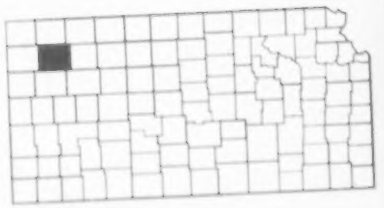
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	3.7	2	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.3	21.3	3	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.0	13.9	5	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.4	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	1.6	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.5	81.3	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.0	69.0	2	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	2.8	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	13.9	31.5	6	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		32.1	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	87.4	86.6	1	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.4	7.1	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	92.5	86.6	7	81.0	1988-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.7				1987-89 & 93	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0				1987-89 & 93	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.6	7.0	6	8.8	1988-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	78.5	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.5	37.6	9	38.0	1988-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,258	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,470	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.7%	4.2%

County Seat: Colby



THOMAS COUNTY

Thomas County has significantly increased participation in the Head Start program during the current year. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 is higher than the state average. Declines in the percent of low birth weight babies, the percent of births to single teens and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education are positives for the county. The county is performing at the state average level in the juvenile arrest rate.

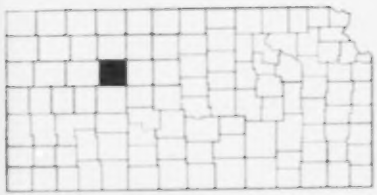
TREGO

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,694	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,851	$32,066
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Wakeeney



TREGO COUNTY continues being a top performing county in the state in the percent of students graduating from high school. The county is higher than the state average in the percent of births receiving early prenatal care. Concerns for the county are the increase in the percent of births to single teens and the rise in the infant mortality rate.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.7	5.4	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.8	19.1	2	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	6.1	6.2	1	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	76.9	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.7	27.0	9	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.7	97.3	1	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.7	50.0	7	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.4	5.4	5	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	66.6	67.3	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		15.1	8	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.6	65.1	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.4	2.8	1	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.2	97.7	2	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.3				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.8	6.3	5	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.8	4.9	5	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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WABAUNSEE

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	7.6	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	15.9	16.2	1	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.8	13.3	4	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	41.9	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	20.3	15.2	7	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.5	83.3	6	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.7	40.0	9	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.1	1.5	1	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	69.8	57.8	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		18.3	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	72.2	77.9	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.4	9.5	3	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	85.5	90.6	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.0				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.0	2.7	2	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	44.9	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	2.2	4	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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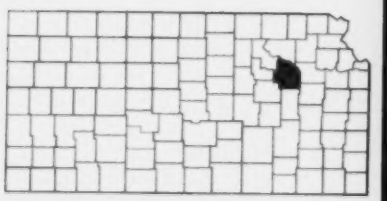
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,603	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.2%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,802	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.4%	4.2%

County Seat: Alma



WABAUNSEE COUNTY, with increases in the percent of high school graduations and the percent of students pursuing post-secondary education and training, ranks higher than the state averages in both these indicators. The decline in the percent of low birth weight babies is another positive for this county. An area of concern is the significant decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2.

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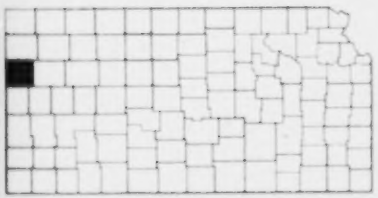
WALLACE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	1,821	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.9%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,950	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Sharon Springs



WALLACE COUNTY, located in western Kansas, has experienced significant improvement in the out-of-home placement rate. The percent of students graduating from high school is among the highest in the state. The improvement in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree is good news for Wallace County also. Areas of concern are the percent of kindergartners fully immunized and the percent of low birth weight babies.

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.7	4.8	3	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.7	23.3	5	24.0	1991-93 / 1992	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	6.7	10.4	3	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	•	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.4	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.6	81.0	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	88.3	63.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.7	9.5	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	.0	.0	10	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		11.3	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	75.8	79.3	4	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.8	12.5	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.3	100.0	1	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	40.2				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.8				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.4	1.9	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

WASHINGTON

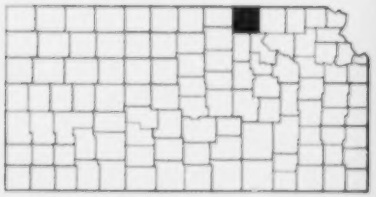
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	5.8	4	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.3	26.3	7	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.8	8.9	2	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.4	14.5	7	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.3	84.1	5	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.3	68.0	3	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.4	5.8	6	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	57.5	70.8	1	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		34.3	1	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	76.9	77.1	5	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.3	17.3	7	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	+
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	95.0	87.9	6	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.9				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.6				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	1.8	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	45.3	.0	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.4	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	+

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,073	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.5%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,134	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Washington



WASHINGTON COUNTY has one of the states' highest percents of child care slots available for children age 13 and under. The increases in the immunization rates for the county put this indicator among the best in the state. The increases in Head Start slots further strengthens the county for young children. Concerns for this county would include the increase in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree.

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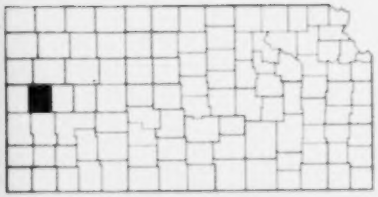
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,758	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	31.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.5%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	11.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,288	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Leoti



WICHITA

WICHITA COUNTY's decline in the percent of births to single teens continues to keep this indicator as one of the best in the state. The increase in the percent of births receiving early prenatal care and the declines in the percent of low birth weight babies and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education are areas of improvement for the county. The availability of childcare is lower than the average Kansas county.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	3.3	1	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.2	26.1	6	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.3	15.2	6	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.8	140.6	10	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	33.3	10	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.9	86.7	4	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.0	61.0	4	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.0	3.3	2	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	49.0	49.3	3	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		14.8	9	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	78.4	62.9	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.0	13.3	5	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	90.7	89.7	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.4				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.2	8.1	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	228.9	671.4	10	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.8	.0	3	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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WILSON

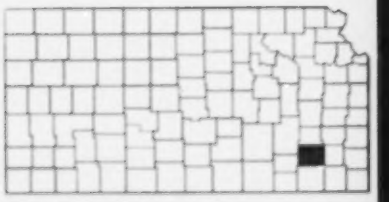
	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.3	7.6	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	29.7	31.7	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	20.8	20.0	8	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	38.3	50.4	6	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.0	25.2	9	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.7	79.0	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	40.0	46.0	8	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.5	4.2	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	53.3	62.4	2	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		20.2	5	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	67.6	74.8	6	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	23.4	19.8	8	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.7	75.9	9	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	41.3				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.1				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5	8.5	7	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	61.3	514.6	9	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.7	23.4	7	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,259	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.3%	85.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,635	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.0%	4.2%

County Seat: Fredonia



WILSON COUNTY increased the percent of participation in the Head Start program making it one of the stronger programs in the state. The decrease in the percent of low birth weight babies shows a positive relationship to the improvement in the percent increase in births receiving early prenatal care. Areas of concern for the county are a decline in the percent of high school graduations and the increase in the teen violent death rate.

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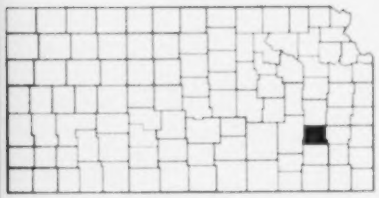
WOODSON

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,116	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.2%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,185	$32,866
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.1%	4.2%

County Seat: Yates Center



WOODSON COUNTY showed significant improvement in the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school education. The percent of students graduating is above the state average. Of concern is the decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2, experiencing almost a 40% drop in the current year which places this indicator below the state average.

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	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.4	7.7	6	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.2	31.8	9	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.6	18.1	7	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.0	•	•	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	•	•	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.0	80.8	7	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.3	31.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.4	3.8	3	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	45.2	44.8	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		4.1	10	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	73.0	64.3	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.6	6.3	2	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	88.6	91.3	4	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	40.0				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4	1.0	1	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.0	•	•	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	33.2	10.9	6	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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WYANDOTTE

	Base Years County	Current Year County	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Base Year(s) / Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← 100 80 60 40 20 0 → Better 20 40 60 80 100)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	16.3	18.7	10	10.9	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	39.5	45.6	10	24.0	1991-93 / 1994	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	32.6	32.7	10	19.0	1993 / 1994	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	39.1	22.0	3	28.3	1988-92 / 1993	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.0	14.5	7	8.7	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.6	79.2	8	84.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	38.3	33.0	10	57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.6	9.7	9	6.6	1988-92 / 1993	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	45.3	48.3	4	42.0	1992-93 / 1994	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		17.6	7	23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	65.9	57.3	10	74.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	26.9	29.0	10	16.0	1988-92 / 1993	
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.4	63.0	10	81.0	1990-92 / 1993	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	66.4				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	21.8	24.6	10	8.8	1989-92 / 1993	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	113.9	107.0	6	78.9	1988-92 / 1993	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	38.5	32.3	8	38.0	1990-92 / 1993	

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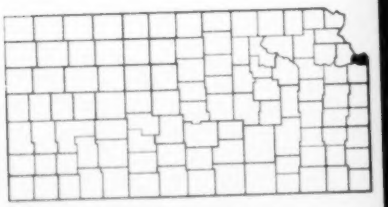
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	161,993	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	64.2%	88.4%
Black	27.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,672	$32,966
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	8.6%	4.2%

County Seat: Kansas City



WYANDOTTE COUNTY had significant improvement in the childhood death rates for the current year. The percent of Head Start participation increased as did the percent of births with early prenatal care. Concerns include an immunization rate which declined to well below the state average, along with one of the lowest percentages of high school graduates in the state. The percent of children approved for free school meals continues to climb.

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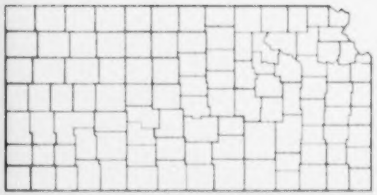
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	State
Population Size	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%
Ethnicity	
White	88.4%
Black	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,960
Unemployment (1993 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.2%



KANSAS

	Base Years County	State	Current Year Decile Rank	Kansas	Base Year(s) Current Year	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.7	10.9		10.9	1988-92 / 1993	42
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.0	24.0		24.0	1991-93 / 1994	12
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.0	19.0		19.0	1993 / 1994	3
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.5	28.3		28.3	1988-92 / 1993	14
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.5	8.7		8.7	1988-92 / 1993	2
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.0	84.0		84.0	1988-92 / 1993	2
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.0	57.0		57.0	1989-90 & 92 / 1993	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	6.6		6.6	1988-92 / 1993	6
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Level	35.0	42.0		42.0	1992-93 / 1994	18
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13		23.0		23.0	1994	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education / Training	70.0	74.0		74.0	1988-92 / 1993	6
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.0	16.0		16.0	1988-92 / 1993	6
Percent of Students Graduating from High School	84.0	81.0		81.0	1990-92 / 1993	4
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Reported Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	34.8				1987-89 & 91	
Confirmed Child Abuse / Neglect Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.2				1987-89 & 91	
Out-Of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.8	8.8		8.8	1989-92 / 1993	13
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	72.4	78.9		78.9	1988-92 / 1993	9
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.0	38.0		38.0	1990-92 / 1993	10

KANSAS has increased the percent of Head Start participation by 18%. There have been moderate gains in the percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education/training. The Economic Well-Being indicators experienced a continuing decline which is not good news for the children in Kansas. Of particular concern is the continued increases in the percent of births to single teens. The indicators under Emotional Well-Being continue deteriorating in the out-of-home placements, teen violent death rate and the juvenile arrest rate.

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APPENDIX

SELECTION OF INDICATORS

The selection of data for the annual *Kansas Kids Count Data Book* is an on-going process. It is impacted by the decisions of the project's funder, the Annie E. Casey Foundation; the *Kansas Kids Count* Steering Committee; and the projects' three partners, Kansas Action for Children, the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and Frye-Allen Advertising, Inc.

The Casey Foundation produces an annual national *Kids Count Data Book* and asks that each state project replicate the same indicators on a county-by-county basis in their state data books.

The *Kansas Kids Count* Steering Committee and the three *Kansas Kids Count* partners make their indicator decisions based in part on the following criteria:

- availability of data for a significant number of the state's 105 counties
- pertinence of the data to policy making concerning children's issues
- direct outcome measures versus indirect measures (for example, does the indicator measure the actual high school graduation rate or the availability of high school dropout prevention programs for at-risk children?)

Data resource persons within each of the state agencies which provide data for construction of the indicators assist the Steering Committee and partners in their review of potential indicators. In addition to providing access to the data, these resource persons help determine the quality and availability of data and suggest new ways of presenting the data.

The *1995 Kansas Kids Count* indicators were determined after a great deal of discussion and research. Central to the discussion was the desire to obtain quality data reflecting current conditions and trends for children in Kansas communities. These considerations have led to the adoption of some new indicators, omission of other indicators and some modifications in the calculation of indicator scores and trends.

NEW INDICATORS

We have added one new indicator of economic well-being. This new indicator is the percent of school age children approved for free school lunch or breakfast. Since eligibility for the free meals program is based solely on family income, this indicator can serve as a proxy for childhood poverty. By using the percent approved rather than the percent participating in the program we avoid, to a greater extent, variations which might result from different administrative practices or community norms. Reliable data are available on this measure on an annual basis and by county. The second new indicator measures the availability of licensed child care for children under 13 years of age. This indicator has been combined with an existing indicator of the availability of Head Start for preschool children who live in families with incomes below the poverty level to form a new indicator group which has been labeled "Early Childhood Care and Education."

OMITTED INDICATORS

Drug and alcohol use by school age children is a major concern in most Kansas communities and was identified early in the Kids Count project by members of the Steering Committee as an area of concern. Last year we were able for the first time to obtain data to construct two new indicators of regular use of alcohol and use of other drugs: Percent Children in Grades 5-12 Who Regularly Use Alcohol; and Percent Children in Grades 5-12 Who Have Used Other Drugs. Data for the construction of these indicators were not available in time for this year's publication because of changes in administering the survey.

A direct measure of childhood poverty for all counties in Kansas is only available from the census every ten years. County data on childhood poverty rates have been published for 1980 and 1990 in the past two *Kansas Kids Count Data Books*. Rather than continue to rely on these dated figures for the 1995 book, we have identified and reported other proxy measures under "Economic Well-Being."

CURRENT AND BASE YEARS

Current year data are provided for the most recent available year. Because of time required for agencies which serve as our primary data sources to collect the data used to construct the indicators and the time required to produce the book, the 1995 data reports 1993 data for many indicators as the "current year." For some indicators the "current year" is 1994. The reader is cautioned to check each indicator to determine the exact time period being reported. When available data permit, the base year rate will be the average rate for the five years preceding the current year. Data for all indicators is not available for five prior years and again the reader is

advised to check to determine the exact time period covered for a specific indicator of interest.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Data used in the 1995 book range from 1987 to 1994. Many of the indicators reported here rely on census data for a population count which is used as the denominator in calculating a rate. For example, Child Death Rate is the number of deaths divided by the number of children ages 1 to 14. Actual counts of the number of children by age group in each county can only be obtained in the decennial census. Estimates of the current population were obtained using a standard mathematical extrapolation procedure. Data from the 1980 and 1990 census were used to compute an average annual growth rate. This rate was then employed to derive the current population estimates.

DATA ANALYSIS

Rates are not reported for each indicator in each year for some counties. These missing data result from several sources. Sometimes data were simply not available for certain counties. On several occasions, available data were judged to be of poor quality and were not reported. For some indicators a county rate might not be calculated because it was judged to not be "meaningful." The last situation arises primarily in counties with small populations and with indicators which have low incidence rates in the general population. Any county which experiences at least one occurrence of an indicator event (e.g., an infant death) has a rate calculated. To judge whether a zero occurrence was meaningful, we first calculated the expected frequency of the event in a given county based on the rate for the state as a whole. If the expected frequency is less than one, we do not report the rate and , thus, list only a "•". In this case, we are saying that there are simply too few occurrences of the event (e.g., births) due to small population numbers to have any expectation of the event in a single year. If the expected frequency is less than one and the county experiences one or more occurrences of the event, we calculate and report a rate. In this case, we are saying that the event would be unlikely to occur in this county due to the small numbers of people and the fact that it did occur is noteworthy. Nevertheless, many of these rates are based on very low occurrences of the underlying event and, as a result, may experience dramatic swings from year to year.

INTERPRETING INDICATOR RATES

This report provides several ways to judge the indicator score for a particular county.

- Decile ranks provide a comparison of the county relative to all other counties in the state. For all indicators, low decile scores indicate that the county does well compared to others while high decile scores indicate that the county does relatively poorly. A decile score of "1" indicates that the county is in the top 10 percent while a decile score of "10" indicates that the county is in the bottom 10 percent. An unusual situation can occur when many counties show the same rate. When this occurs the decile rankings have to be adjusted. For example, since thirty percent of the counties had no juvenile arrests, there were no ranks of 1 or 2 given, and all of the counties with 0 arrests are ranked "3." This indicates that the county ranked in the top thirty percent of the state.

- A county's indicator score can also be compared with the state average or mean score. In this way, one can see if the county score is better or worse than the average for the state as a whole. Given the wide diversity in demographics across the 105 Kansas counties, it may also be helpful to compare your county with other specific counties that you judge to be similar with respect to important variables such as size, income or geographic area.

- It is also important to compare current county indicator scores with past base year data to determine whether the situation is improving or getting worse for a specific indicator. Percent change over time is presented for all indicators with base year and current year data. On the county pages a bar graph is presented where these percent change scores have been converted to indicate "better" or "worse" trends over time.

As always, we invite your feedback about the *1995 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* and input regarding future productions of the book.

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DATA NOTES & SOURCES

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Births to Single Teens is the percentage of live births that occur to unmarried women under age 20. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Children Approved for Free School Meals is the percentage of children enrolled in school who have been approved for free school meals. Data are from Kansas State Board of Education.

Children Receiving Economic Assistance is the number of children receiving any form of cash assistance (adoption, AFDC regular, AFDC unemployed parent, foster care, general assistance or refugee), medical assistance (child in state institution, extended medical, pregnant women and children, medically needy, disabled medically needy families, SSI disabled, special pregnant women and children or work transition) or food stamps per hundred children under the age of 18. Each child receiving one or more forms of assistance is counted only once. The count is obtained from a single month (June, 1994) and is, therefore, not indicative of the total number of children receiving assistance during the entire year.

PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Childhood Death, Ages 1-14 (per 100,000 children) is the number of deaths from all causes to children between the ages 1 and 14, per 100,000 children of those ages. Data regarding childhood deaths are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Total number of children is based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births) is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. The data were provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Births with Early Prenatal Care is the percentage of births that are to women who started prenatal care in the first three months of their pregnancy. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2 is the percentage of children in kindergarten who were adequately immunized by age 2, based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates at the time of enrollment in kindergarten. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Low Birth Weight Babies is the percentage of live births recorded as low birth weight. Babies of low birth weight are those who weigh under 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. The data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

Head Start Participation is the number of Head Start enrollment slots divided by the estimated number of children age 3-4 living in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold. Rates are expressed as percentages. Data on Head Start enrollment slots are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region VII. Data on children in poverty are based on projections from the U.S. Census, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 3. These poverty data are reported for children age 5 and under and not for 3-4 years of age. The proportion of children 3-4 was calculated from the total population of children age 5 and under. This proportion was used to calculate the number of 3-4 year old children in poverty.

Child Care Availability is the capacity of registered day care homes, licensed day care homes, group day care homes, child care centers and preschools per hundred children age 13 and under. The Child Care data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

High School Graduate Post-Secondary Education/Training is the percentage of the last year's high school graduating class which is enrolled in post-secondary education or training (four year college or university, two year college, other type of college or other non-college institution) five to six months after graduation. Data are from school districts' annual survey of graduates compiled by the Kansas Department of Education.

Births to Mothers with Less than a High School Degree is the percent of live births that occur to women who have not received a high school degree as indicated on the birth certificate. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Students Graduating High School is the percentage of ninth grade public school students who graduated four years later. It is computed by taking the ninth grade enrollment, subtracting the number of dropouts in each of the next four years and then dividing that by ninth grade enrollment. Data are from the Kansas State Board of Education.

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Reported Child Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000) is the number of child abuse/neglect reports per 1,000 children under age 18. Data on child abuse/neglect reports are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000 children) is the number of confirmed cases of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children and youth under age 18. Data on child abuse/neglect cases are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under age 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Out-of-Home Placement is the number of children and youth who are in SRS custody and in placement outside their family of origin per 1,000 children and youth age 18 and under. Data are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Teen Violent Deaths, Ages 15-19 (per 100,000 teens) is the number of deaths from homicides, suicides and accidents to teens between the ages of 15 and 19 per 100,000 teens of those ages. The data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL

Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 children) is the number of juvenile arrests (all offenses) per 1,000 children and youths under the age of 18. Arrest data are from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Median Family Income is the median annual income for families. Families are two or more persons who are related by birth, marriage or adoption and who live together as one household. The median is the figure at which half the families have an income less than that amount and half have an income more than that amount. 1979 dollars are adjusted for inflation to reflect 1989 dollars. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 and 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 3.

Unemployment is the percent of the civilian labor force estimated to be unemployed. Estimates are provided by Kansas Department of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services.

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